

Treasury, Histadrut continue negotiating

By DAVED HARRIS

The Histadrut last night published details of its plans for Sunday's general strike, despite an agreement with the Treasury to continue negotiating to prevent industrial action.

Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman and Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz failed to reach a compromise after two hours of talks last night, but hoth promised to try to avert the disruptions, scheduled to begin Sunday at 6 a.m. "We talking to one another like a man

to his friend, and we'll continue nego-tiations tomorrow morniog," said

Neeman as he emerged from his meeting with Peretz. "With the help of God, we'll reach a k'tiva vehatima tova [i.e., all will be signed sealed, and delivered]."

Peretz was less positive. "I am not that optimistic," he said. -"We'll make every effort to prevent the . strike."

Neeman and Peretz are scheduled to meet again this morning at 9:30. Neeman flew home a day early from

the International Monetary Fund/World Bank annual meeting in Hong Kong to seek an agreement with Peretz.

Before the meeting, Neeman held a

news conference at which he said he is prepared to talk in general about the prohlems faced by pension funds, which have built up bundreds of hillions of shekels of actuarial debt.

Neeman also indicated he is in favor of establishing a public commission of inquiry which would examine all issues relating to pensions.

Neeman appealed to the public oot to support the strike. Three times in the last week Treasury officials have invited the Histadrut to talk, and three times it refused, said Neeman.

The central argument between the government and Histadrut has shifted

in recent days from the planned structural changes in the economy and privatizatioo program, to a pension agreement signed between former Labor finance minister Avraham Shnhat and Peretz, just before last May's general election.

The six-line agreement, hand-written and signed on a piece of writing paper, attempted to give pensions based on an entire working career similar weight to those based on the most recent three years in a job. Pensions based on the last three years are generally higher. based as they are on what are generally the highest salaries of a person's career.

Entitled "Agreement between the Finance Minister and the chairman of the Histadrut on 10.5.96," the document reads:

"People insured in pensinn funds to which the wage system applies (the averages system), who retired or will retire during the next five years (commencing 30,10.96), will be estitled to receive an addition to their pension equal to 60% of the difference (if there is a difference) between the pension they are entitled to according to the averages system and the pension to which they would have been entitled were it calculated according to the system of previous years."

Peretz elaims this document is legally hinding, hut Neeman said to the best of his knowledge it was never approved by the government.

"This paper cannot be applied," said Neeman. "It's a paper that discriminates among pension-holders." Hearing this comment before enter-

ing his meeting with Neeman, Peretz said he very much hnpes journalists did oot hear correctly, because if this is the case theo there would definitely be a strike oo Sunday.

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Planned strike list

By DAVID HARRIS

The Histadrut gave notice last night that more than 500,000 of its. members will participate in a general strike beginning at 6 Sunday morning.

The following workers will be striking: 50,000 civil servants.

· 80,000 workers in 264 local authorities.

- 50,000 bank workers. 7,000 Postal Authority employ-

· 13,000 staffers at the Israel Electric Corporation will work but only on a Shabbat schedule.

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US slams Netanyahu over Efrat expansion

MARGOT DUDKEVITCH, MARELYN HENRY, and news agencies

Rejecting Israel's insistence it is

acting within its rights, US

accommodates "natural growth" in Efral.

While Levy praised Albright's peace-making efforts, he challenged her criticism of Netanyahu's announcement. "We find o

continuation of the policy of the previous government. But Channel 2 correspondent Immanuel Rosen said Indyk was not convinced, as he indicated in the interview, which will be broadcast in full tonight.

policy vis-a-vis the Palestinians

and demanding that he take "diffi-cult decisions." Both Ma'ariv and

Yediot Aharonot reported yesterday

that Albright had sent such a letter

Palestinian officials condemned

Palestinian cabinet minister

Hanan Ashrawi called the housing

plan "a dangerously irresponsible

position, bordering on a policy of

insanity that is going to turn the

whole region into another cycle of

Returning from Washington,

Labor Party head MK Ehud

Government Press Office direc-

mentioned by Netanyahu are to be

built on Givat Hazayit, where con-struction is already taking place.

The plans, be said, had been approved by the Labor government

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employees, who will strike from 7 a.m.

- 5.000 at El Al.

· 30,000 Kupat Holim Clalit workers. Clinics and hospitals will offer only emergency services. Dialysis, oncology, and urgent operations will be available as normal

· 10,000 administrative and ancillary staff in 30 state hospitals and at Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv. - 15,000 nurses in state hospitals

and at Ichilov will offer skeleton service only.

• 2,500 public health ourses will only operate emergency services. 40,000 military industry employee

 12,700 Histadrut workers. 15,000 workers in agriculture. 60,000 electricians, electronics

workers, and metalworkers. 20,000 textile workers.

 50,000 in the food industry. 13,000 higher education staff. 3.000 employees in national institutions, including the Jewish Agency and Jewish National Fund.

 1.200 Nesher employees. All employees in the fuel indus-

try. Teachers, including those in kindergartens, but not in special education.

 Staff at the ports. Today, only local authorities will be striking.



Tunnel riots anniversary

Masked Palestinians ride atop a van goarded by Palestinian policemen during yesterday's demonstration in Rafah, marking the first anniversary of the deaths of 80 Palestinians in riots that followed the opening of the Western Wall Tunnel exit. Similar demonstrations were held throughout the Gaza Strip.

Inquiry uncovers intelligence, operational faults in botched raid

By ARIEH O'BULLINAN

The military committee investi-gating the failed naval commando raid into south Lebanon three weeks ago has apparently uncov-ered deficiencies by intelligence and operations officers. But these failings did not lead to the deaths of the 11 commando and a doctor sent to help the wounded, military sources said.

Six navy officers, including OC Naval Intelligence Vice-Adm. S., have been summoned to testify before the inquiry, headed by Maj.-Gen. Gabi Ofir. The other officers include the intelligence officer of the commando unit, a senior operations officers; and

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three intelligence afficers. They are to begin testifying on Sunday.

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Military sources stressed that there was no link between the alleged deficiencies and the botched raid.

"Even if the operation had been successful and a inquiry was held, these six people would still have been summoned for questioning," a senior IDF officer said.

The sources also said that the summonses were not as serious as a warning letter issued in eivilian inquiries, because they could be nullified if the committee was convinced by the officers' testimony that they were

wrongly issued. The Ofir committee is reasonably certain that the commando squad tripped a booby-trap set near the village of Ansariya, and were not initially decimated by a detonation of their own explosives. It has also reportedly determined that the commandos

acted without fault. The panel is expected to submit

Bill Secretary of State Madeleine Albright yesterday criticized Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyaho for announcing that more homes would be built in Efrat.

Albright noted she had requested a "time-out" in building in the territorics to improve prospects for negotiations with the Palestinians.

"I am calling on the prime minister to honor the time-out," she said. In a statement quoted by Israel Radio, Clinton supported Albright's condemnation, saying that at this stage in the peace process, it is essential to create an atmosphere in which the two sides can further the negotiations.

Albright had talked to Netanyahu on the telephone Wednesday only hours before he told high school students, at a 30th anniversary celebration of the renewed settlement at Gush Etzion, that 300 oew homes would be built in Efrat and that the Jewish presence in the West Bank would grow.

According to Channel 2, Albright was furious that the prime minister did not alert her to his planned announcement.

"One doesn't take things personally," Albright said yesterday in New York, but added: "It was regrettable this action was taken. We have made it quite elear this particular building is not at all help-

During her phone conversation with Netanyahu she had reportedly told him he was partially responsihle for the current deadlock with

the Palestinians. Almost simultaneously, Foreign Minister David Levy was telling a handful of reporters at his hotel a mile away that building new homes in existing West Bank set-themeots is legal and that the Clinton administration would

ing session of the UN General Assembly, said the construction announced by Netanyahu simply

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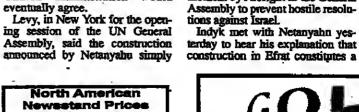
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its findings in 10 days, sources. said.

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where even if we sneeze, people that Albright had sent Netanyahu a letter reprimanding him for Israel's

PA clamps down on Hamas, Page 2

might concede that it's legal, but Netanyahu's announcement chargwe would still be told it's provocaing it was "another fresh nail in the coffin of Israeli-PLO talks." tive," Levy said.

He would not speculate how the new dispute would affect Israel's position at the UN, which was battered last spring when Israel was condemned in emergency sessions of the General Assembly over its plans to build at Har Homa. The US twice vetoed Security Council resolutions on the same topic.

cabinet secretary Dan Naveh dis-Levy, instead, assailed the missed the criticism as "exagger-Palestinians for a continuing camated" and a "tempest in a teacup." paign, conducted in international arenas, calling for sanctions against Barak declared "it is not the right Israel and for freezing relations. time" to build, but added that the "Peace cannot be achieved through government retains the right to sanctions," he said, adding, "There build. is oo sanction that can force Israel tor Moshe Fogel said that the units

to endorse any policy that would endanger our country. State Department spokesman James Ruhin rejected Levy's con-

tention the construction is legal under the 1993 and 1995 Oslo agreements with the Palestinians, hich bar new settlements. "The issue is not whether it is legal or not legal," be said, but the

Deputy bead of the Gush Etzion Regional Council Yeshayahu Yehieli eharged that US adminisimpact it had on the environment for negotiations. US Ambassador Martin Indyk tration officials had not done their homework.

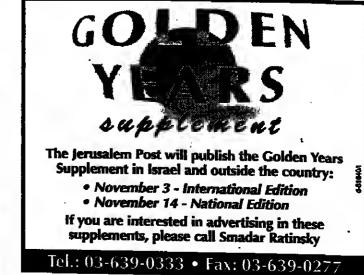
declared the US administration is unhappy with Netanyahu's drawing up an urgent cahle they announcement. plan to send to Albright informing

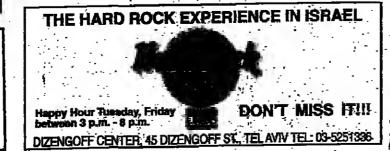
In an interview with Channel 2, Indyk said Netanyahu's declaration is disappointing and undermines the efforts being made at this moment by Albright in the General Assembly to prevent hostile resolutions against Israel.

Indyk met with Netanyahn yesterday to hear his explanation that

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fere with local policy.





tried to murder Our representative

AMMAN - Hamas said two Canadians tried to attack a top party official here yesterday with "clectrical device" and described the attack as an assassination attempt by Israel.

But Jordan dismissed the incident as merely a "quarrel" between two Canadian tourists and the driver of Khalid Mashaal, the head of Hamas's political bureau, which plans the group's strategy. Hamas representative Mohammed

Nazzal told The Associated Press that one Canadian "tried to hit Mashaal with an electric device, but was stopped by one of the body-guards." He did not give details.

Later yesterday, Mashaal was taken to hospital after "he became dizzy and vomited several times," said his wife. "He was very sick and is undergoing general physical cbeckup.

It was not clear whether Mashaal's sickness was related to the alleged attack, which Hamas said happened as the official and his three sons were outside his Amman office. A Hamas statement said the two alleged attackers were caught by another bodyguard and Mashaal was unhurt. However, Hamas vowed to hit

Israeli targets inside and outside the country over what it said was an attempt to kill Mashaal.

"The Zionist enemy will pay a river of blood for one single drop of blood from one of our fighters,"

it said in a leaflet faxed to Reuters. "We consider this criminal act is the beginning of the confrontation outside the borders of the homeland and the real start of unmerciful war against the Israeli interests in various places of the world," it said.

"The coming days will show the nature of the thunderous Kassam response to this condemned crime, said the leaflet, signed by Hamas's military wing, Izzadin Kassam. Prime Minister Binyamin

Netanyahu's spokesman Shai Bazak refused to comment on any aspect of the Hamas statement. Jordanian Minister of State for

Information Samir Mutawae said Mashaal was not present during the incident, which he described as an argument between Mashaal's driver and two Canadian tourists. He said all three were injured. But the Hamas leaflet said Jordan was trying to give "cover to the attempt of assassination." (News agencies)

Hamas: Israel PA continues arrests of Hamas activists

By STEVE RODAN and MOHAMMED NAJIB

Palestinian Authority security forces yesterday continued their roundup of Hamas activists, although several senior members of the movement have left their homes and dropped out of sight. But PA officials refused to publicly acknowledge that they were mistaken in their insistence that the suicide bombers who attacked Jerusalem over the summer came from abroad. One senior official continued to assert that the bombers were foreigners.

So far, about 200 Hamas and Islamic Jihad activists have been detained and 16 Hamas charities closed in PA sweeps over the past two weeks. In Kalkilya, PA police arrested

more than a dozen Hamas activists. Palestinian sources said those detained were Islamic political activists or Hamas members during the intifada.

Hamas sources said they fear the arrests will contioue up the command chain of the organization. Hamas leaders last night did not answer phone calls to their bomes and sources said some bad gonc underground.

The new wave of arrests came after Israeli security officials presented cvidence to the PA that identified the suicide bombers as four residents of the Nablus-area village of Azira Shamalya. A fifth suicide bomber has not been identified.

Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz confirmed yesterday that Arab residents of east Jerusalcm were definitely involved in newspapers as noting the bombers assisting the suicide bombers, came from Area B, where Israel whose two attacks in the capital this summer killed 20 and wounded bundreds.

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Hefetz said police and security forces continue to receive warnings of further terrorist attacks, which he added could take place in areas where previous attacks occurred. He stressed that it is impossible to prevent suicide attacks, despite all the precautions in effect, without shutting down

the entire country. Meanwhile, PA Chairman Yasser Arafat and other PA officials continued to deny responsibility for the suicide bombings. Arafat was quoted by Palestinian

By STEVE RODAN

and MOHAMMED NAJIB

The Israeli evidence presented

Chairman Yasser Arafat that the

suicide bombers came from the

territories bas led to an offer of

resignation by PA secretary-general Tayeb Abdul-Rahim,

who had insisted that the suicide

PA sources said Abdul-Rahim

offered his resignation during a

meeting of the Palestinian National Security Council. He

said he took responsibility for

disseminating information that

has oow been proven incorrect.

bombers came from abroad.

Palestinian Authority

continues to have security control. Israeli security sources said many of the latest PA arrests were not those of terrorist suspects sought by Israel, but were lowlevel political activists.

As PA security forces continued their arrests. IDF soldiers maintained a curfew on Azira Shamalya, a village of 8,500 that was active during the intifada. Residents say hundreds of villagers have been arrested by the army.

"It's wrong to impose collective punishments against all the resideots," said a 39-year-old taxi driver who called himself Ahmed. The man who killed [Yitzhak]

PA secretary offers to resign

Abdul-Rahim was said to have

asserted that the information that

the bombers came from abroad

was relayed by Hamas leaders as

well as from retiable local and

international sources. As a

result, Abdul-Rahim said he no

longer wants to be responsible

for the PA dialogue with Hamas.

the Israeli story regarding the

identity of those who executed

the suicide bombings, I take all

responsibility as part of my posi-

tion," Abdul Rahim was quoted

by the PA-aligned daily Al Hayat

the meeting of the Palestinian

President Arafat said during

al-Jedida.

"Despite the fog that envelopes

Rabin was punished, not his family. Nobody destroyed his house. This insulting treatment is accordcd only to us.

A Palestinian activist said he expects the arrests to continue until the IDF learns the identity of the fifth suicide bomber.

Nasser Hamadneh. 28, and the father of three, said villagers will not tolerate an extended clusure. "If the closure continues we will attack the IDF checkpoint with

stones," he said. "We weren't afraid during the intifada and we're not afraid now." Hamadneh said he supports more suicide bomb attacks against Israel, but he and other villagers dismissed the allegations that the

leadership that if it is clear that

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PA officials refused to

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"I'm refusing to comment on the subject," Arafat spokesman

Marwan Kanafani told The

Jerusalem Post. "If it's true.

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latest attackers came from Azira. Some asserted that two of the four identified as suicide bombers were seen after the July 30 bombing in Mahaneh Yehuda.

Fawaz Jarara, the uncle of Mouaya Jarara, one of those identified as a suicide bomber, said he does not support such attacks. The only result is the desiruction uf both peoples [Palestinian and Israeli] and does not have any advantage," he said, "But if what' the Isracli army says is true, then blockading the town doesn't achieve anything." Jarara was one of four brothers and studied agriculture al the Al Aroub Institute near Hebron. He was arrested by the PA Police when the IDF redeployed in the West Bank in 1995. but escaped with four others after . six months in prison.

The lifth bomber is believed to be Mahmoud Ahu Hanude, 34. the alleged recruiter and ringleader of the suicide squads. His father told The Jerusalem Post vesterday that his son has been sought by Israel since 1995. 'Mahinoud was not part of aoy [Palestinian] organization and it's unthinkable that he is one uf the suicide bombers," he said. One of Abu Hanude's brothers

said the family has not been in contact with Mahmoud for more than two years. "If he was killed during the suicide attacks, that is his choice," the brother said. "Regardless, he is a very careful person and does not fall easily into such mistakes. But if it is true then it's not a shame."

Margot Dudkevitch contributed to this report.

Palestinians give US two conditions for renewing talks

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - Palestinian officials yesterday submitted to the US administration what they said were their two conditions for resuming peace talks with Israel: a cessation of both settlement building and bome demolitions.

Negotiator Saeb Erakat told reporters following a four-bour meeting at the State Department with special Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross that he also raised complaints over Israel's announcement of plans to build new housing in Gusb Etzion, as well as last week's Ras al-Amud controversy.

Ross told the delegation that the Americans had informed Israel that they considered the

talks oow, but they must be beld in coojunction with discussions on implementiog the interim accords.

That view matches the American position on Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's

fast-track proposal. Erakat was joined at the meet-ing by PA Planning Minister Nabil Shaath and PA Chairman Yasser Arafat's deputy Mahmoud Abbas. An additional session between the Palestinians and Americans was to be held last night, with a third scheduled for today.

Abbas is due to meet with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Foreign Minister David Levy in New York early next week.



PA: Efrat plans will undermine peace process

By STEVE RODAN and HOHAMMED NAJIS

The Palestinian Authority said yesterday that Israeli plans to construct 300 apartment units in Efrat undermines current US and European efforts to renew the peace process.

PA officials said they would use the announcement made on Wednesday night by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu as the Israeli construction plans. ot to the US not to embark

State Department.

"This is an attempt to pour fuel on the fire," he said, and was aimed at destroying the peace process,

PA officials sought to raise the Netanyahu announcement during their contacts with diplomats and foreign dignitaries, Faisal Husseini, the PA minister responsible for Jerusalem affairs, met with the visiting foreign minister of the Czech Republic and expressed Palestinian anger over

evidence that Israel has failed to . Husseini added the Efrat homes honor what they asserted was its to a litany of PA complaints cainst israel. on unilateral steps in the territories. This policy of closure and They warned that the PA will demolition of houses are an resist the implementation of the attempt to increase the violence on decision and said Palestinian repboth sides." Husseini said. resentatives in Washington have Nabil Amr, adviser to PA chief Yasser Arafat, said the Palestinian raised the issue in talks with the protest of new construction in This is a provocation of all the Efrat does not signal that the US and European efforts to resume the peace talks," Nabil Abu Rudeineh told reporters outside the authority tolcrates existing Jewish settlements. "We are not against only new settlements but against all settle-ments," he told Voice of Palestine Radio.

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He also said the Palestinians would "absolutely oot" consider a postponement to mid-1998 of the first and second IDF redeployments. He added that the Palestinian Authority is prepared to jump ahead to final-status

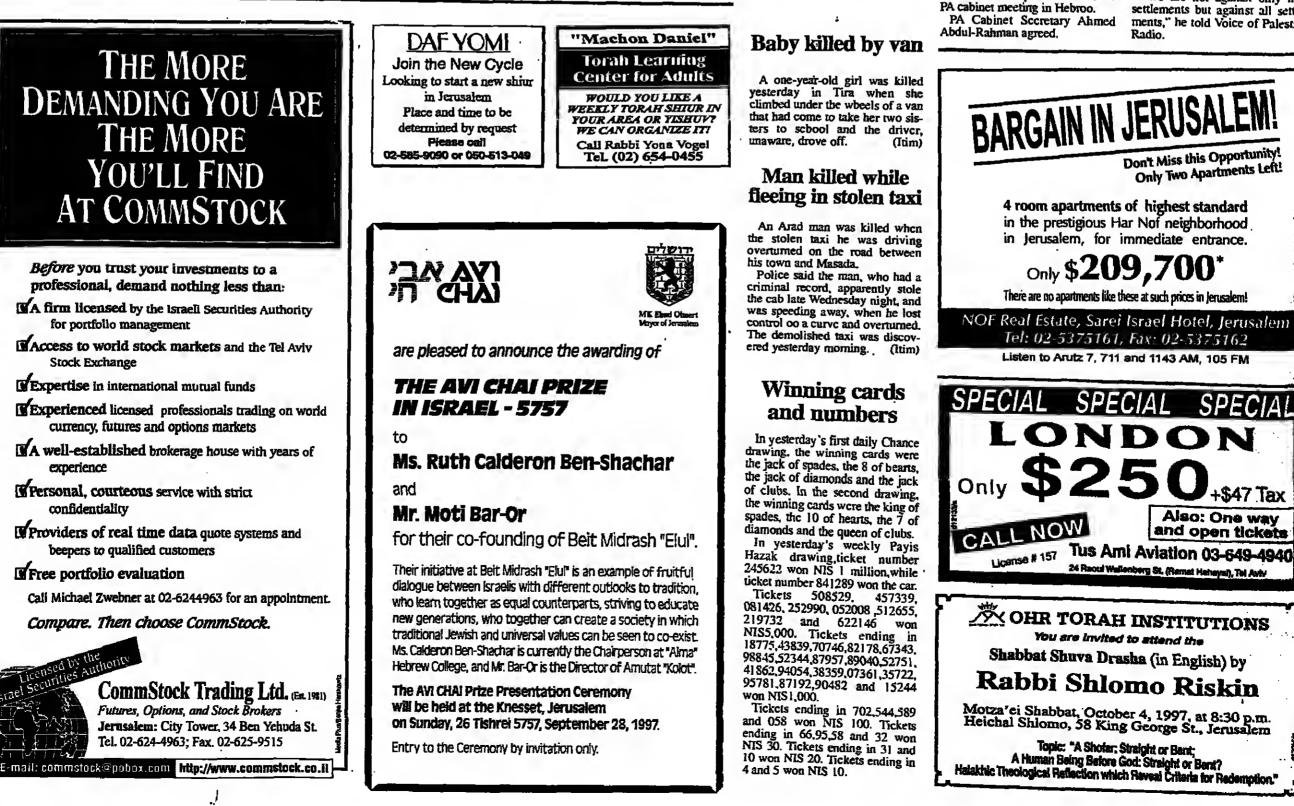
Meanwhile, on Wednesday night the administration presented Congress with draft legislation for renewing the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act, the law that oversees US relations with the PLO.

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A smell of Israel

President Ezer Weizman offers Dagmar Havel, wife of Czech President Vaclav Bavel, a fresh melon to sniff yesterday on a visit to the Negev. 'I wanted them to see what Zionism is,' Weizman told reporters, as Kadesh Barnea farmers showed the Havels how salty underground water is used to grow top-quality produce. (Isaac Harari)



The Jerusalem Post Friday, September 26, 1997

Bosnia hopes to forge ties with Israel

By MARILYN HENRY

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NEW YORK - Despite its structures create a level of uncerebaotic government, Bosnia taioty," Sacirbey said, "this intends to establish diplomatic should not create confusion relations with Israel, its permaneot representative to the UN said yesterday. "This probably shnuld have

- Iscael." The Bosnian embassy would be been done in the past. That's in Tel Aviv. unfortunate," Mohammed Although t Although ties with Israel would Sacirbey told The Jerusalem Post. "But we were preoccupied create problems with some Arab and Islamic gnvernments, Sacirbey said, "we dnu't want Bnsnia as a whole th be an with our own issues at the time." An Israeli official here said that talks about permanent relations Islamic state obliged to follow a are continuing. certain line of thinking."

While Bosnia's "complicated The Jewish and Moslem and relatively new governmental Bosnian refugees who had come to Israel were well received, said Sacirbey.

He also ooted something of a about the political intention and debt to the Jewish community, desire to have relations with which continues to provide aid to Bosnia. "The world-wide Jewish community was very consistent on 'never again,' and that applies to others besides Jews," he said. "They saw Bosnians as being the victims nf a genocide whn deserved the protection of the Western world, as Jews bad deserved it and never received it."

Hizbullah fire wounds woman, 2 SLA soldiers

By DAVID RUDGE

A Lebanese woman and two South Lebanese Army soldiers were wounded by Hizbullah mortar and missile fire yesterday in the security zone.

The incident occurred near Beit -Yahoun in the western sector of the zone, when Hizbullah gunmen opened fire at IDF troops. There were no casualties among the IDF soldiers.

Simultaneously, mortars and missiles were also fired at a near-. by SLA position, lightly wounding two SLA soldiers. Some of the rounds fell on Beit

Yahoun, wounding a local woman. All three were taken to nearby Bint J'bail hospital for treatment. IDF and SLA gunners returned fire. There were no reports of any

Hizbullah casualties. Security sources said Hizbullah continues to hit civilians in the security zone by long-range fire, explosive devices, and missiles, in breach of the Grapes of Wrath understandings.

Meanwhile, Lebanese Army commander Gen. Emile Laboud yesterday vowed to continue fight-

ing what he described as Israel's occupation of south Lebanon.

He was reacting to comments made during a visit to the security zone carlier this week by Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, who warned that the IDF would shoot back if fired npon by Lebanese moops.

The Israeli threats will not turn the army away from doing its duty in confronting the occupation. This confrontation is based on our territorial integrity, despite the big difference in means between us and the enemy," said Lahoud. Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik

Hariri also made it clear yesterday that Lebanoo would not enter into any separate agreements with Israel over an IDF pullont from Lebanon.

He charged that Israel's preconditions would make Lebanon "responsible for every security ineident inside Israel." News agency reports said Hariri was commenting on a proposal made by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu earlier this month that the IDF would withdraw on condition the Lebanese Army prevent any attacks on Israel.

Mordechai seeks to extend Shahak's command

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai is to recommend to the cabinet on Sunday that the command of Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak be extended until mid-1998 and that he not step down as scheduled on January 1.

It has been a long-standing tradi-tion that the chiefs of general staff be given an extra, fourth year in the post. Bot there had been reports, denied by Shahak, that he would not seek an extension because he was discontent with the Likud-led government.

Defense officials said last night that Mordechai will recommend that Shahak be kept at the IDF helm until July 9. The date was agreed upon by Mordechai and Shahak, defense officials said. The recommendations of the defense minister in this matter are generally accepted and it is mlikely that there will be any .- . "Business has dropped by balf,

Until oow, Mordechai had

'Business has never been this slow' drastie drop. Restaurants feel it

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

Pre-holiday shopping is customarily a boon for shopkeepers, but not this year. Business in downtown Jerusalem isn't just suffering, it's dead.

"I'm not selling the Rosh Hashana items like calendars and mahzorim (boliday prayerbooks]," said Judy Fredi, proprictor of Gur-Arich Books on Rehov Nahalat Shiva. "I usually sell around 50 mahzorim before Rosh Hashana. This year I've sold two."

Eight weeks after the bombing attack in Mahaneh Yehuda and three weeks after Rehov Ben-Yehuda was hit, store owners are saying that the publie's avoidance of crowded places ecotinues, with no end in sight.

at least, since the attack on Ben- people are oot coming down-Ychuida," said Fredi. "There are town. Beo-Yehuda has really remained coy about Sbahak's other factors, like the end of hot

For some of Greenspan's customers, like 86-year-old Viola more; it's so obvious because they're out on the street and ynu Lemberger, a Holocaust surcan see that all the tables are

empty. Un Greenspan, owner of the historie Cafe Atara, said the drop in his business has been unprecedented, 50 percent to 60 percent. "It's never been this bad in all

the years I've been here, never like this," he said. "Even during the wars you had more business: the Six Day War, the Yom Kippur War - maybe two, three days yoo had less, of course, but after that people came back.

"People are afraid, and they are saying it openly: 'If we don't have to come downtown, we don't come. If we have to do something, we come and do it, and theo leave.' I can't remember such a period of time that people are oot coming downbeen a dead street for three

vivor, there's nothing to fear. "I wouldn't think twice about coming here, because what is

bashert [fated] is bashert," she said, adding that she makes the trip downtown twice a week. What can you do, close yourself up and not attend to your daily living? They said the mall would also be attacked. I don't think for one minute that something could happen because in

geoeral I think positive." In Mahaneh Yehuda, they're trying to think positive as well, boping that business picks up before Rosh Hashana starts. But on a visit this past Wednesday, a day usually crowded with those shopping for Sbabbat, one could stroll leisurely without getting pushed from behind.

"I come bere twice week, and I've never seen it so quiet," said

Sunday and Wednesday; Suoday is normally quiet, but Wednesday? Usually you can't walk through, it's so crowded."

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The market is traditionally slow at the beginning of the week, but according to shwarma seller Menashe Namir, "people are coming now on Sunday and Monday. They know the bombers are looking for a crowded day, so they try and

avoid the cod of the week." Namir said his business went down 20 percent after the bombing of the market, and then fell off another 15 percept after the Ben-Yehuda bombing.

"People hadn't recovered yet from the first one, and theo the secood hit," he said. "They suspect another one is going to go off. Their feeling of security is down to zero."

As for the future of downtown business, said Atara's Greenspan, "There's nothing we ran do but be natient and wait."



Jerusalem's usually busy Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall is virtually empty yesterday.



NEWS

Barak apologizes to Sephardim

By SARAH HONIG

Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak yesterday asked the forgiveness of Sephardim for the "pain and human suiffering" caused them in the early days of the state.

The text of his apology was read at a press conference in advance of Sunday's party convention in Netivot. There the apology is to be voted on as an official resolution, entitled "Recognition and apology for past errors and the turning of a oew page."

The Netivot venue and the apology are part of a strategy hy Barak to woo the support of Sephardi voters who have traditionally voted Likud. He is also courting religious voters and announced yesterday that 400 new delegates would be added to the convention, 100 "representing the tradidonal sector and religious council members and 300 representing the social sector," a euphemism for Sephardim.

Sitting beneath a giant hanner reading "Labor in the Negev," Barak made his apology retroac-tive, saying it "comes on my behalf and on behalf of the entire Labor movement in all its generations - Mapai, the Alignment, and now the Labor Party."

He said that "the Labor movemeot was responsible for the establishment of the state. Within this act, there was the uprooting of whole communities from North Africa and the Arab countries, and they were dispersed in transit camps and later development towns and moshavim. The special pioneering role of this group was never recognized or appreciated.

"I find it very important to loudly say today that their pioneering contribution was enormous. In the course of the uprooting, there were many indignities to families, and deep scars remain in the memories people associate with the Labor Party. For the pain and human suffering caused, I apologize in my came and in the name

of the Labor Party."

Barak expressed confidence that his statement "will signal a new heginning" in his "party's relations with the development towns and will lead to true equality and partnership."

voters were not universally applauded in his party. MK Haggai Merom, who is seeking the secretary-generalship, said that he dislikes the notion that "Labor is guilty of any wrongdo-

Barak's overtures to Sephardi ing. This is a great slap in the face verbal apology is no magic to David Ben-Gurion and all that wand." he did and built up."

Former Nissim Zvilli thought that "this is foster a new set of relations. A steps to prove sincerity."

MK Shlomo Ben-Ami, who

secretary-general convinced Barak to apologize. warned that "this is hardly hardly the way to create and to enough. There have to be practical



Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu (left) chats with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai yesterday at Likod headquarters in Tel Aviv.

Likud ridicules opposition leader's apology

By SARAH HONIG

Labor Party leader Ehud Barak's apology to the Sephardim earned him scathing scorn from the Likud yesterday.

At a toast for the new year hosted hy Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu at the Likud's Metzudat Ze'ev headquarters io Tel Aviv, Science Minister Michael Eitan said that "the first apology by Barak on behalf of generations of Laborites should have gone to the Likud and all of its predecessor gen-

Gahal - who always took up the cause of those in Israeli society shunned by the ruling elitist establishment.

For doing this, we were viciously accused of practicing incitement. Now that Barak repeats what we have been charging all along, perhaps he should right another historical wrong and apologize to the Likud."

Tourism Minister Moshe-Katsav cautioned Barak that "he may in coming years Barak's apology.

erations - the Revisionists, Herut, and find that he has to apologize on behalf of the Labor Party for the [Oslo] agreement which unleashed terror on Israeli citizeos."

Shas's Aryeh Deri said last night that "the only way Barak can hack up his words with action is to unequivocally part ways with Meretz, till there is no doubt that it and Labor are in effect one hig party. So long as there is the slightest link between Labor and Meretz, Barak cannot win Sephardi hearts." Netanyahu declined to comment on

Pupils of Asian, African origin lead in matric gains

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

The largest increase in recent years in the percentage of pupils earning matriculation certificates is among those of Asian and African descent, according to a poll released today by Educatioo Ministry Director-General Benzion Dell.

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Bureau of Statistics, Dell said that between 1987 and 1995, there was an overall iccrease from 29% to 39% in the number of all pupils earning matriculation certificates, with girls receiving 51% and boys 38% of the certificates. The increases by ethnic hreakdown were as follows: Israeli-horn up from 45% to 51%; Asian/African born -Based on figures supplied by the Central from 23% to 34%; from Europe and the US of those who say the educational gap

- up from 42% to 50%.

Among minorities, the greatest increase was among the Druse, increasing from 16% to 30%, followed hy Moslem Arab pupils, 11% to 16%. Among Christian Arabs, the rate dropped from 32% to 29%. The overall rate among Israel's minorities was 16%. Dell said the figures strengthen the claims

betweeo Ashkenazi and Oriental Jews has narrowed, although not enough and not at a fast enough rate. He added that despite the cuthacks, Education Minister Zevulun Hammer had ordered the widening of projects aimed at increasing the number of pupils receiving matriculation certificates from among the weaker sectors of the population

Arison: I gave more money to Left than Right

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Israel's richest businessnien. Ted Arison, who is very close to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu admitted yesterday that he has donated more money to left-wing politicians than 10 right-wing ones.

Arison, who led the group that won the tender for the purchase of Bank Hapoalim carlier this month, surprised journalists atlending a press conference in his office in Tel Aviv, when he told them that besides giving to politicians such as Netanyahu and Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, he also gave to Labor Party MK Haim Ranion. "I have donated more money to

the left side" Arison said. He also stated that he enjoys doiog business with members of the Left, "One of my first success in Israel was the opening of the Nir-Ad factory in Kibbutz Nis-Am, which belongs to Hashomer Hatza'ir. I really enjoy working with these people." Arison, the founder of the

Miami-based cruise ship operator Carnival Corp., returned to Israel

seven years ago. Local newspapers suggested that one of the reasons for his return was his will far revenge on the "socialists" who robbed his father of his share in the shipping company he built together with Meir Dizengoff, and who prevented him from doing business here.

Arison stressed that he considers himself as Israeli. "I left Israel to 1952, but I've decided to return. There is no reason to call me an American-Israeli."

Arison Investments managing director Shlomo Nehamah emphasized that the money donated to politicians by Arison is by far less than that he has given to social causes. "Just this year the Arison Fund has donated \$10 million," he said. This includes a NIS 3m. donation to the Technion, NIS 4ni to an art school, and NIS 3m. to a muscum on the First Aliyah in Zichron Ya'acov (where Arison was bom).

Arison said that he is not worried hy the current political situation. "We are going toward peace, and we'll reach it sooner then expected."

Teen suspect in Maryland killing found here

WASHINGTON - A 17-year-old high school senior, onc of two suspects charged in a Montgomery County, Md., dis-memberment killing, has been located in Israel. His return was heing negotiated sioce Wednesday night, shortly after police identified the victim as a Silver Spring, Md., man last seen with the two murder sus-

pects. The body of Alfredo Enrique Tello Jr., 19. was found Friday without arms and legs and burned almost beyond recognition in the garage of a vacant house around the corner from the Aspen Hill, Md., home of Samuel Sheinbein.

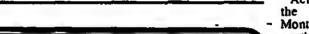
Acting on information from Sheinbein family, Montgomery police located the lice were negotiating his voluntary return through a private attorney. Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz said yesterday that he had no knowledge of the youth, and no complaint or request for ioformation had been said. received hy the police from any official source. Asked if the police would hand over the youth to US offi-cials, Hefetz said aoy such request would be weighed on an iodividual hasis. "Over the last couple of days, we have been working to briog him hack and informing the police of dates and times so they can take him into custody and hring him back to the country," Paul Stein, the Sheinbein fami-ly's attorney, said Wednesday. "The family is absolutely dis-"The family is absolutely dis-traught, but we will be working with the State Attorney's Office to see what happened here." The other suspect, Aaron Benjamin Needle, also 17, remained in jail after his lawyer told a judge that Needle would oot seek hail, because he felt safer behind hars while Sheinbein remains at large. He is being held at the Montgomery County Detention Center. Potice said Tello was identi-fied hy dental records. Employees at Congressional Aquarium in Rockville, where Tello worked for about three weeks, said his mother called the store several times last week asking whether her son had been to work. "She said it wasn't like him to be gone," said Danny Woodruff, an employee. "She did sound concerned." Police said Tello moved out of his mother's home September 15. He was last seen leaving the

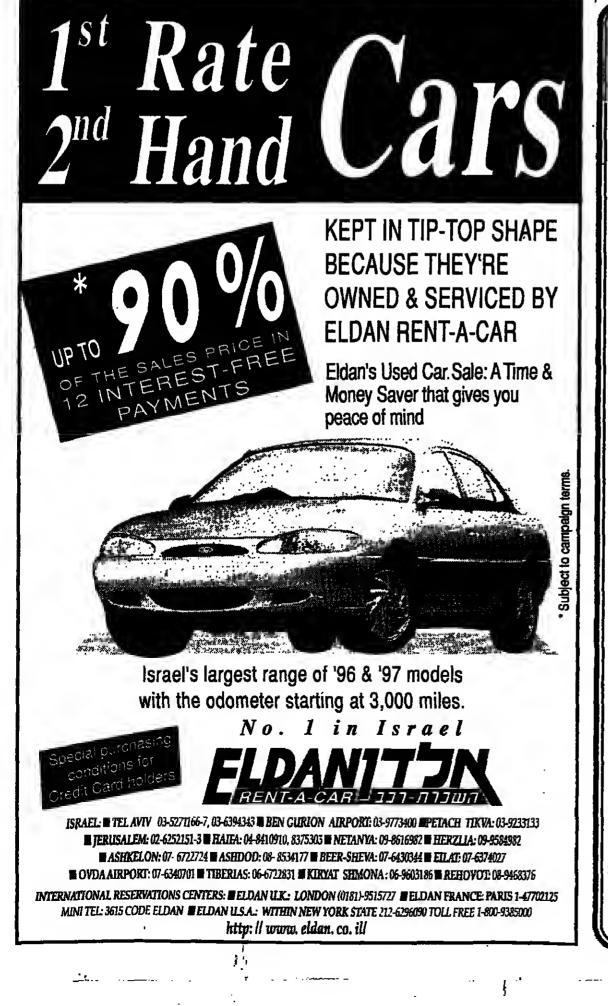
shop about 6 p.m. the next day with Sheinbein and Needle. police said.

Montgomery County Assistant State Attorney James Trusty said Tello was killed either that night or September 17. the latter being the date on a Home Depot receipt discovered in the garage of the vacaot house where Tello's remains were found.

The receipt, stamped at 2:17 p.m., listed a Makita circular power saw, a trash can, and several propane cylioders. The saw and cylinders were also found in the garage.

Charging documents indicate Sheinhein got access to the adjoining vacant house on September 18 after calling the -son of a former resident and saying he needed a place to take a





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Government workers were wamed last night by the Civil Service Commission that it is illegal for them to prevent those wanting to work from entering government buildings. Government offices will be open as usual on Sunday morning and preventing eotry is considered a crime, read a commission statement

The Union of Local Authorities yesterday asked the National Labor Court for restraining orders that would prevent 80,000

Sheinbein was told that a key was over the sliding glass door, and Sheinbein located it while still on his cell phone, policc

The body was discovered the next morning by an employee of the real estate agency making a routine check of the vacant property, which is listed for sale. Needle was arrested Tuesday in Greenbelt, Md.

The nature of the relationship among the three teenagers is unclear. Sheinhein may have met Needle when hoth were attending aoother school io Rockville, Md., according to one source.

Tello, who was knowo as Freddy, attended Springhrook High School in Silver Spring, hut withdrew last December, midway through his senior year, according to a Montgomery public schools spokesman.

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He worked for six months at a Rockville retail store whose owner said she had to fire him in April because he was often late for work.

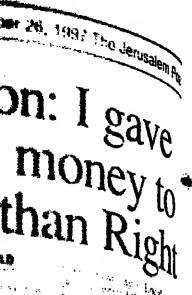
for work. "He had some friends who I wasn't too thrilled about being in my store, and I said, 'Freddy, be careful,' " the woman said. At Wednesday's bail hearing. Needle, who appeared on 2 video monitor from the deten-tion center, at first made no tion center, at first made no reply when District Court Judge Eric Johnson said, "The maximum penalty if you are found guilty is death. Do you understand that?"

Needle's mother pursed her lips and shook her head. Needle, sitting ramrod straight and staring at the camera, made no reply. "Do you understand that?" Johnson repeated. "Yes," came the answer.

local authority workers from striking. A hearing is scheduled for this morning. ULA chairman Adi Eldar said that local authority heads were

taking this action because they felt the Histadrut was exploiting the locality workers in its fight against the government and was disrupting local services when it knew that local authority heads f had no say in either their employees' salaries or their pension arrangements.

The Manufacturers Association also asked the National Labor Court to issue an Injunction preventing workers in industry from striking.



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High Court: No need to investigate

Barak's role in Tze'elim-2

By BATSHEVA TSUR

The Jerusalem Post Friday, September 26, 1997

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By HERB KEINON

Six naval intelligence officers are

scheduled to appear Sunday before

the committee investigating the botched raid in Lebanon earlier this

month in which 12 servicemen

The six received letters on

Wednesday, informing them that

their names may appear in the report being prepared by the com-mittee, and that they may be

The IDF Spokesman stressed that

the letters, which invited them to

appear before the committee, in no way indicate any culpability on the

officers' part. Rather, they were necessary because of the law which states that anybody who may be

harmed by the findings of an inves-tigative committee has the right to

Those summoned can be repre-sented by a lawyer, and all six have

The committee, said Maj.-Gen.

(res.) Avraham Rotem, formerly a

member of the General Staff and

head of IDF training, is not a

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whether disciplinary action should

be taken against those involved.

Rotem, a fellow at Bar-Ilan University's BESA Center, said that

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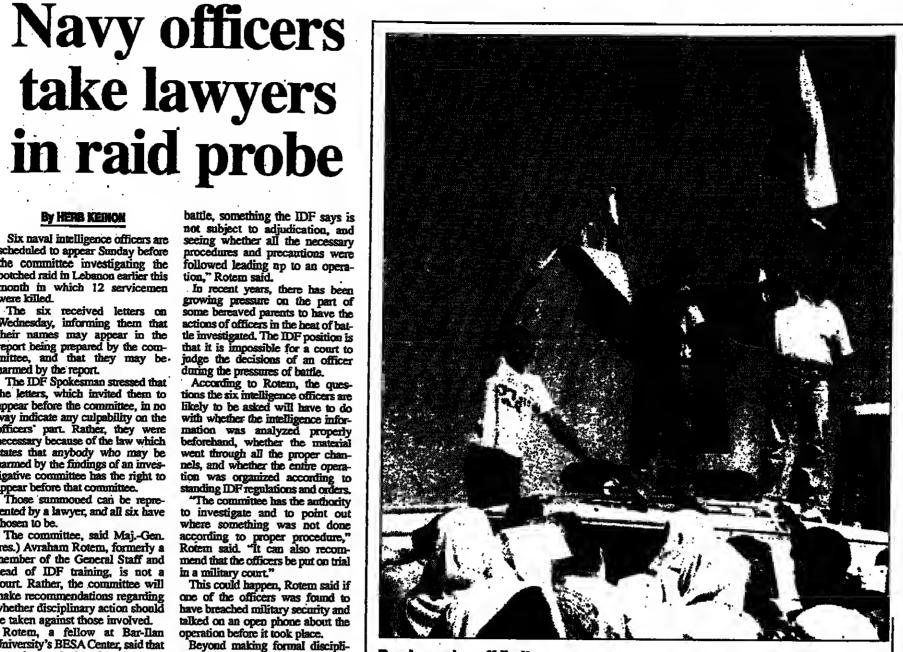
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NEWS



Road remains off limits

Yousef Kablan, head of the Beit Jann Local Council, is flanked by two men waving Palestinian flags as he speaks to a crowd of Druse in Jerusalem yesterday, after the High Court of Justice reaffirmed its earlier decision not to permit vehicles to use a road built by residents of Beil Jann and Hurfeish which runs through the Mt. Meron Nature Reserve. However, the court did not forbid the holding of a ceremony at a memorial for the 73 soldiers who died in the February helicopter crash. The memorial was set up alongside the road by Majid Kazameh, whose son was one of those killed. (Text: Batsheva Tsur; Photo: Brian Hendler)



Oberkowitz and Avimor fined, given probation

Yoram Oberkowitz, chairman of the Happel sports organization. and Ya'acov Avimor, former director-general of the group, were each sentenced yesterday to a year's probation and fined NIS 25,000, after their conviction earlier this month of falsifying the organization's records and breach of trust.

Tel Aviv District Court President Dan Arbel said he had found no evidence that the two had acted out of personal interest, but only to protect the organization they worked for from harm. Itim

New director named for Jerusalem AIPAC office

Veteran AIPAC staffer Wendy Senor Singer has been appointed director of the organization's Jerusalem office, where she has been serving as acting director.

Commenting on her appointment, cabinet secretary Dan Naveh noted "her extraordinary professionalism in dealing with senior Israeli leaders and it is clear that she has earned the confidence and respect of each of them. AIPAC has made an excellent choice." Singer and her husband, Sanl, made aliya in October 1994, before which she served as an AIPAC lobbyist in Washington.

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Dayan's gall bladder removed

Labor Party MK Yael Dayan yesterday underwent removal of her gall bladder at the Rabin Medical Center-Beilinson Campus in Petah Tikva. Prof. Eliahu Antebi, head of the Surgery A department, said the operation was successful and that Dayan was doing well. Judy Siegel

Reform movement gets land in Tel Aviv

The Tel Aviv Municipality has given the Reform movement land in Jaffa to build a cultural center, youth hostel and synagogue capable of accommodating some 600 worshippers. The project according to Rabbi Meir Azari, spiritual leader of Beit Daniel, Tel Aviv's only Reform synagogue, is to be part of a major outreach program by the movement to the disadvantaged neighborhoods. It is projected to cost some \$12 million, with most of the funds coming from contributions from abroad. Haim Shapiro

Internet surfers make waves

The first Israel Internet Surfing Championship will be held on Hanukka, Internet Zahav and Biran Communications announced the competition among thousands of expert Internet surfers. It does not refer to getting wet, but to being adept at maneuvering through E-mail, databases, search engines, discussion groups and Web pages on the Internet. Judy Siegel

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The High Court of Justice yesterday upheld the decision of the state comptroller not to investigate the Tze'elim-2 disaster and the role played by then chief of staff Ehud Barak.

The Movement for Quality Government and two soldiers injured in the incident had petitioned the court against the comptroller's decision, announced three months ago, saying that it was exceptionally unreasonable and left a dark cloud over the bead of Barak, the Labor Party leader.

The two also said the comptroller's decision besmirched their names, since one of the reasons she gave for not investigating was that, two years later, they changed the original version which they gave immediately after the accident.

The petition was heavily censored and the court banned publication of the names of the petitioners and details of the November 5, 1992 accident, in which five members of an elite commando unit were killed. While they noted that the comp-

troller had relied for information on newspaper reports, Justices Eliezer Goldberg, Theodor Or, and Eliahu Mazza said that the arguments raised in the petition had not convinced them there was reason to intervene in the comptroller's decision.

Although they were not represented in the petition, members of two of the bereaved families were present in the court. Shlomo Cohen, the father of the late Arye, said later. "We are disappointed, but this was to be expected. However, things are not over and the truth will still come to light. Till then, we shall leave no stone unturned."

The movement will study the court's decision and see whether there is room for further action, its spokesman said yesterday evening.

Judge orders count of banned book on Dakar

Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court Judge Hila Gester yesterday ordered a count of how many books about the missing submarine Dakar have aheady been distributed before she decides whether the book should be censored. Copies of the book Dakar were taken off the shelves last week after the government filed suit claiming some details in the book "harm national security." But Gester, indicating the suit may be irrelevant if enough copies of the book have already been distributed, ordered the publishers to count how many copies had been sold or given away before the temporary ban was issued. The number is to be submitted to the court by Tuesday. (AP)

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"This committee has the chief of

staff's attention," Rotem said. "It

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make it clear that it does not think a

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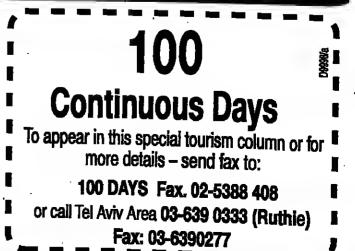
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Expansion without direction

frat is a small town of about 6,000 people, jeopardized the chances of working out an essentially a suburb of Jerusalem. It is also the largest settlement of Gush Etzion, oow celebrating the 30th anniversary of its reestablishment after its original kibhutzim were lost during the War of Independence. If there is any part of the settlement enterprise that stands within the Israeli consensus for any conceivable final status agreement, it is the Gush; yet Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's off-band answer to an Efrat high school student's question is oow causing the latest flap in the peace process.

Netanyahu was asked why the Efrat neighborhood of Givat Zayit, which bad beeo approved under the Rabin government and where building began in 1995, bas not been completed. He spoke of 300 new housing units, and said that previous governments had not budgeted for infrastructure in the neighborhood, and that this situation would be rectified.

This response has been deemed a dreaded declaration of "settlement expansion," worthy of swift condemnation from US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, who is said to be seething that Netanyahu did not warn her of his intentions in their phone conversation just hours before.

The Palestinians, who at the same momeot had a delegation in Washington to follow up on the talks that began during Albright's visit to the region, have been having a field day with Netanyahu's statement, claiming that it shows the disdain with which Netanyahu holds the peace process in general and Albright in particular. After all, it was Albright who had called on Israel to take a "time out" from "unilateral actions" that disrupt the peace process.

If Netanyahu had played his cards right, he might have, carefully and over time, worked out an interpretatioo of "unilateral actions" that allowed for a defined, moderate level of natural growth within the territories. Given the fact that the growth of Jewish settlements has already slowed to less than the pace that was quietly ignored in the Rabin era - while the Palestinians' own program of strategic huilding proceeds without comment - the condemnation hy Washington of Netanyahu's statement was an overreaction.

But by carelessly hlindsiding the US with Wednesday's statement, Netanyahu has actually

arrangement that would facilitate natural growth. and presented the Palestinians with a golden opportunity to deflect the pressure on them to deliver on the security froot.

For Netanyahu, the world's reaction to such statements is just an illustration of the general unfairness with which Israel is treated, and a reaction to his more demanding stance towards the Palestinians. But the world, Oslo, and the previous government cannot be forever blamed for Netanyahu's predicament. The irony is that, for all his criticism of Oslo, Netanyahu has let Oslo define his policy framework by leaving the alternative - a clear visioo for a final status agreement - deliberately murky. It is important and commeodable that

Netanyahu has succeeded in convincing the United States to back his proposal for accelerated final status talks. And the leaking of Alon-plus plans were a clear indication that the government has accepted the concept of territorial compromise. The problem is that the bones thrown to the Left always seem to be tossed furtively out the hack door and quickly ignored, while the bones for the Right are put out on the front porch and promptly magnified by the international spotlight.

What is needed is an unapologetic, positive vision of the peace that Israel hopes to achieve with the Palestinians. In his speech before the National Defense College in August, Netanyahu pointed out that the Arab world is littered with broken treaties of friendship, and that, "We cannot expect that the peace betweeo Israel and its Arab neighbors will be of a higher quality than that which exists between the Arabs themselves." He also repeated his analogy to the armed peace that existed betweeo the US and the Soviet Union.

All of this is true, and oeeds to be said. No one is expecting a peace betweeo Israelis and Palestinians to be like that betweeo the US and Canada. What is missing, however, is an expression of the peace Israel aspires to; a peace of two nations sharing the same land, warily at first, but with tremeodous potential for cooperatioo and mutual respect; a sense that Israel will warmly accept all hands outstretched towards it, and will try to extend its hand as well.

Unsettling actions

DAVID KIMCHE

The students were discussing the recent take-over in Ras

al-Amud, and I couldn't

help overhearing what they were

saying. It was during an interval

between lectures at an academic

home-grown fanatics."

blew up in all our faces.

Any act that can help derail the

What timiog. Just as Yasser Arafat seemed to

vantage - his demands were now

being met with a tough Israeli

stance on terrorism and the many

Palestinian violations of the Oslo

Accords were finally beginning to

sink in - a group of kind souls

decided to put the issue of

way.

pied.

Jerusalem on the agenda in a hig

At times it seems as thoogh

some of us have forgotten that

there aren't too many people in

the world who accept the concept

of a "united Jerusalem." Despite

our national consensus on this

issue, the rest of the world prefers

the term "East Jerusalem," except

for the pedants who add "occu-

Over the last few months, the

government has succeeded in

showing the entire world that the

test of Jerusalem's unity, from

Israel's viewpoint, lies in our

right to exercise our sovereignty

over the city. The government

withstood monumental pressure

from every possible podium.

in an impossible situation.

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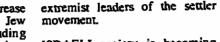
peace process, that can increase tension between Arah and Jew and prevent understanding

conference, and the discussion between Israelis and Palestinians was sparked by ooe of the stuis seized upon hy them. Yet there dents saying: "The settlers and is a hasic flaw in their thinking Hamas are two sides of the same and actions. For whereas they coin. They both are determined to profess to act to strengthen the kill the peace process." A second student concurred, remarking: "I Jewish presence in the land of Israel, they are, in fact, weakenfeel much closer to a moderate Palestinian than to our own ing it. They are causing increasing discord among the Jewish These two remarks caused a general discussion in which not a ness

> A large majority of our population is becoming increasingly angry at the antics of the fundamentalist, extreme right-wing

will be in agreement with the stu-Amud move-in ups the ante of deots, but it should be realized anger and revulsion, deepens the that many many people in Israel cleavage within the populace, and would applaud every word they undermines the unity of the people. And that means weakness. The fact is that moderate Much of the anger is directed, quite wrongly, at the religious Israelis, secular and religious element of the population, and

alike, who make up a large majorthis, in turn, increases internal ity of our popolation, are becoming increasingly angry and frustensions. It is wrong to automatitrated at the antics of the fundacally identify all our religious believers with the fanatics of mentalist, extreme right-wing ele-Ateret Kohanim and the settler ments of the Jewish population. Ras al-Amud was a case in point: movement, or even to equate all A handful of settlers succeeded in religious Jews with Orthodox political parties. A large segment creating a severe crisis for the of religious Israelis is embar-rassed by the lack of tolerance government, a crisis which all but This was, of course, exactly displayed by the leaders of the what the settlers wanted to do.



ISRAELI society is becoming increasingly polarized, and the moderate religious elements are caught in the crossfire between the secular, who lump all the religious Jews together under the extremist hanner, and the rightwing extremists, for whom all moderates, especially the religious ones, are little better than renegades and traitors.

the activities of the extremists. Another is that, because of their behavior, Israel is becoming unpalatable in the world and unacceptable in our own region. The positive image that Israel used to enjoy has been replaced by a much more tarnished one, one that is as distasteful to the average Israeli as it is negative in the eyes of the outside world. To too many people in the world, Israel is being equated with the fanatics of Ras al-Amud.

It has become axiomatic to say that the prime minister cannot act against the right-wing fanatics because this would eodanger his relations with his own electorate religious parties and by the words and deeds of the largely religious ernment. But is this really so? and threaten the unity of his gov-

is our premier so beholden to the settler extremusts that he cannot move against them, even when they act in direct contravention of his own wishes and policies? Is he a hostage of "Force 17," the group of MKs who banded together under the leadership of Michael Kleiner to defend the interests of Greater Israel? If this is so, then there is absolutely no hope for the peace process during his term of office.

If the prime minister had acted forthrightly at the beginning of the crisis, he would have gained the respect and support of the large majority of the people, and I can assure him that neither Michael Kleiner, nor Hanan Porat, nor any other of the hardliners would have given up their Knesset seat because of it.

As it is, the wishy-washy compromise that was worked out has not defused the situation for any length of time. has portrayed weakness on the part of the premier, and has satisfied nobody. The lrving Moskowitzes of the world will not be discouraged by

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Yet there is a silver lining to this particularly dark cloud. The prime minister did, after all, react, even if it was too late and too litue. He did give assurances to the Americans which he will not be able to circumvent. And bloodshed was avoided.

Ateret Kohanim, however, has plans for further moves. We may not be so lucky next time.

The writer, a former director-general of the Foreign Ministry, is president of the Israel Council for Foreign Relations.

Jewish families moved ioto hous-

es they'd purchased in Silwan, the

question of whether such actions

serve to enhance the unity of the

city, as the settlers claimed, first

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population, and discord is weak-This is one negative effect of Every such act as the Ras al-

single student came to the defense of the Ras al-Amud squatters, or had a good word to say for the settlers in general. Most of them were vehemeotly outspoken in their denunciation of "the sabotage of the peace process" hy the settlers, as one of them put it. Not all readers of this article

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE

ment that "circumstantial evidence,

however convincing, was oot

accepted. A witness was only

allowed to testify who saw the crime

actually committed." He cites an

example of a man who was seen

chasing another man into a shop

with a sword in his hand, and then he

came out with the sword dripping in

blood and the man inside was found

killed. Yet the testimony of the wit-

go hy this rule of the two witnesses

to the actual crime? Can any

Talmudic experts among your read-

CHESTER GROB

ers explain this problem?

he did not see the actual murder.

Sir, - Your issue of September 5 has two allusions to he study of the Talmud, one by Jonathan Rosenblum and the other hy Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, Rosenblum says that even a new "student who drops in at a yeshiva off the street" is given a strong dose of legal Talmud material, even though he can cover only one page in the whole month that he lives in the yeshiva. He says this is done to show him that one must always consider all possible angles of a subject, "all the evidence."

Rabbi Riskin tells of the Talmudic rule that to convict a man of a crime one must have two witnesses who actually saw the man commit the crime. How is this possible? Most crimes are committed in secret. We need circumstantial evidence to con-

In that excellent book Everyman's Talmud hy the British Rabbi A. Cohen, we find the explicit state-Tel Aviv.

HYPOCRITE

Sir, - In "A Tragedy Named Moskowitz" (September 19), Amotz Asa-Ei, usually a strong advocate of free enterprise, hypocritically accused Moskowitz of having "sought greed" in America and of acting like a " medieval moneylender (who) thinks he can manipulate anything with his wealth."

Such accusations are false. Moskowitz, a retired doctor and businessman, pursued wealth - the American Dream - something many Israelis also aspire to. Secondly, Moskowitz has given millions of Upper Nazereth

dollars to Jewish and non-Jewish causes, with no strings attached. The Ras al-Arnud affair raises questions of individual property rights vis-a-vis municipal/ national housing policies and deserves a rational approach. Mr. Asa-El should stick to promoting the liberalization of the economy and eschew medieval. Christian style antisemitic themes. Leave extremism to the Palestinian Authority and their Hamas allies.

ROBERT KIRK

HAIRY TALE

Sir. - After reading your article entitled "Splittiog Hairs" (August 26), the Minister of Justice's hair stood on cod (at least those hairs he has remaioing). This is hecause Ms. Greer Fay Cashman's speculation regarding whether the mioister bad received a hair transplant or was wearing a toupee had oo basis io fact.

ness could not be accepted because Ms. Cashman is jovited to the minister's office to count the hairs on the minister's head, so Most crimes are now decided on circumstantial evidence. Some of that the minister may prove, to our Orthodox citizens want us to his regret, that his hair count is ooly diminishing. adopt all the legal procedures of Jewish law. Do they also want us to

ETTY ESHED. Spokesperson for The Ministry of Justice. Jerusalem.

PEACE DEMO

Sir, - Helen Schary Motro, "Rest in Peace, peace," (September 18) reported her distress and disappointment when the organizers estimated that 50,000 people turned out for the Tel Aviv demonstration celebrating Oslo's fourth anniversary. Interestingly, "journalists and photographers estimated the number as closer to 10,000" ("Peace rally hlasts Netanyahu..." Jerusalem Post, Sept. 14). The featured speakers were Shimon Peres. Ehud Barak, Leah Rabin and Yossi Sarid.

Enough said!

SUE GOLDEN LERNER Jerusalem.

The wrong strategy

sioning a large Jewish neighborhood which would sever the Arab continuity from Abu Dis to the Temple Mount, and which would complete the riog, of Jewish ocighborhoods surrouoding around the city.

Yet, while singing the praises of unification and while intending to drag the government along, they

neighborhoods and satellite cities - not Ras al-Amud - will cement Jerusalem's position as the indivisible capital of Israel

presented Arafat with a major neighborhoods - Ramot Eshkol, political achievement. Those who Pisgat Ze'ev, Neveh Ya'acov, make pledges oo hehalf of French Hill, Ramot, Gilo, and, in Jerusalem ought to take a good the future, Har Homa - are home look at what they're actually doing.

regarding Har Homa because it Even though Jews have been was plain that this was an issue the majority of Jerusalem's populiable to create a truly dangerous lation since 1865, Jerusalem has precedent. This is why the prime always been a Jewish island in a minister reiterated the principles sea of Arabs. Even the establishhehind the construction there ment of the State of Israel did not solve this. In 1948 it was the And then a golden opportunity to reverse the tide is dropped right siege, and the "Burma Road"; in subsequent years, it was the "corridor" which led from the Coastal into Arafat's lap, much to his surprise, by the Ras al-Amud squat-Plain to the city. ters. This put the prime minister

adopted a policy of building new These settlers were acting on neighborhoods and satellite cides behalf of unifying the city, envi-

which would create a wide Jewish belt arouod Jerusalem, thus strengthening its status as Israel's capital in any future political arrangement. Its aim was to isolate the city from Ramallah in the south.

Indeed, the claim that Ras alnorth and from Bethlehem in the Amud is no different than the Mount of Olives cannot be dis-The success of the plan exceeded all expectations. Today these

missed off-hand. Anyone who took the trouble to visit the site could see immediately that the area is near the Jewish cemetery and Judea and Samaria police headquarters. Jews have owned the area for nearly 200 years.--There is no controversy about the rights of ownership, but is this the way to huild a neighborhood?

After all, if the intention is to prevent the future division of the city, the settlers ought to be reminded of the lesson of Taba, where even the construction of a multi-million dollar hotel did not to more than 140,000 Jews. Teos change anything.

It is the continuation of massive construction in the Jewish neighborhoods and satellite cities which will cemeot Jerusalem's position as the indisputable and indivisible capital of Israel, not a provocative adherence to "rights" in an Arab neighborhood. In this case, quantity constitutes quality. "We will go up to Jerusalem,"

Jews have proclaimed throughout their history. But why raise the issue oo the world's agenda today?

this growing trend, evidence of which can be seen in the con-The writer is a Likud MK.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ago: On September 26, 1937, The Palestine Post Acre. reported that the League of Nations Sixth (Political) Committee had adopted a Resolution on Palestine. It stressed the importance and complexity of the Palestine problem. expressed conviction that it would be equitably settled and thanked the Mandatory Power. the Mandates Commission and the League of Nations Council for their close and frank cooperation

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A number of wealthy Arab landowners were shot at various

villages and one was murdered at

50 years ago: On September 26, 1947, The Palestine Post reported that Dr. Herbert Evatt. the Australian minister of external affairs, was elected chairman of the UN Ad Hoc Committee on Palestine.

The Exodus 1947 "illegal" immigrants to Palestine ignored both the British ultimatum and the French offer of sanctuary, all of them reiterating that the only couotry they would go was Palestine.

Numerous Arabs were arrested

throughout the country in conacction with shootings, holdups, robberies and possession of arms. 25 years ago: On September 26, 1972, The Jerusalem Post announced that US secretary of state William Rogers called for a glohal conference to adopt a reaty cracking down on international terror.

A guarter ceotury after their canture by the Arab Legion and their subsequent desecration, the Sephardi synagogues រា Jerusalem's Óld Čity were opened again for services. Alexander Zvielli

THE POSTAGE was correct, so the US Postal Service accepted a dozen dried-out, hairy pigs cars. addressed like individual fleshy postcards to ear-biting boxer Mike Tyson.

POSTSCRIPTS

"They were the weirdest things I've ever seen," said Yolanda Stenson, a customer relations coordinator in Phoenix.

Each ear was about 127 mm long. Stamps were stuck to each one. And Tyson's address was written on the bare hide in felt tip pen. Stenson said they apparently were dropped in a mail box, and postal workers processed them just like other packages, 10 days after the notorious heavyweight bout in

Evander Holyfield's right ear. "As long as it's not too big and

the postage is good, we'll try to deliver it," said a postal worker Tony Gervasio. He added that he once helped ship a tumbleweed to the Midwest and has carefully affixed stamps to everything from tree limbs to basketballs.

"The only things we won't mail for you are cats, dogs and kids," he said

THE FIRST time Dave DeWitt bit into a really hot chili pepper, the sweat rolled down his face and he and spontaneous vomiting at a prefeared he had gone too far. vious food show). Some of the Now he doesn't find it a hit sauces are so potent that they can

strange to drizzle a little habanero hot sauce onto his ice cream. It cuts the sweet, he said.

At the Texas Fiery Foods Show, such passages of taste are understood. A medium-hot person today can become an XXX person tomorrow, but some products automatically are ruled off-limits to all but the most reckless. DeWitt, an organizer of the

Austin show and author of The Hot Sauce Bible, will not allow visitors even to sample the super-hot sauces (surred, he admitted, by unpleasant memories of fainting

Guiton of Chattanooga.

honey or cream are placed nearby for relief. "Mostly it has to do with taste huds," said DeWitt of Albuquerque, dismissing the

notion that a cast-iron stomach is required. "It's the super-tasters, people with o lot of taste bads on their tongues, who have trouble with chili peppers."

For the aficionado who had sampled everything, there was a choice of dessents: a piece of habanero key lime cheesecake, or vanilla ice cream drenched in Tond Sweat Sauce, both created by Todd

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be sampled only with the barest prick of a toothpick into the bowl;

which Tyson chewed off a chunk of

Givat Ze'ev. In Efrat and Gush Etzion, there are thousands more. Nevertheless, a large Arah population has always lived within the city itself. Not only was the Old City divided into quarters,

large Arab neighborhoods sprang up in the new city as well. And yet - and this is the main thing -

AFTER the Six Day War, Israel of the city, too, seems to adhere to

Massive construction in Jewish

of thousands live in the satellite

cities of Ma'aleh Adumim and

each neighborhood has retained

its own character. The west side

RUBY RIVLIN

structioo of large haredi neighborhoods. A number of years ago, when

arose.

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OPINION

Yeltsin's revenge on Israel

Several years after Israeli planes destroyed the ouclear reactor built by the French near Baghdad, the French govern-

ment offered to construct a ouclear power station in the Negev. In return, it sought Israel's agreement to its supplying a new reactor to Iraq, with guarantees that it would not be used for military purposes. A team of Israeli experts went to Paris, examined the capabilities of the reactor intended for Iraq, and found that it could easily be converted to military use, in spite of the French guarantees. Israel

turned down the offer. I was reminded of this 1984 episode when I read the report from Moscow that in view of Western concern over Russia's supplying a ouclear reactor to Iran, Russia suggested joint Russian-American supervision to prevent its military use. The inefficiency of supervision

of nuclear reactors was revealed to everyone in the Gulf War, when Iraq was shown to have made great progress toward the construction of an atom bomb, despite the annual reports by the International Atomic Energy Commission that Iraq was not engaged in the production of nuclear weapons. In its latest move, Russian dis-

nition of its joint role in central issues in the Middle East. Before the Gulf War, Foreign Minister to link the Israeli-Arab conflict to the Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait was a totally rejected by the Americans. Perhaps Primakov has suggested joint supervision of the reactor in Iran as a precedent for Russian-American supervision in other parts of the region, including

Israel US Vice President Al Gore did not reject the suggestion out of

mament. MOSHE ZAK

hand. On the contrary, when visiting Moscow he released a report prepared hy a joint Russian-American team on Iran's desperate efforts to get hold of unclear weapons. The team made oo suggestion on how to prevent this, it merely said this is Iran's objective. The team's decision to meet again in six weeks shows that

Russia understands the dangers implicit in assisting Iran to mannfacture nuclear weapons and longrange missiles, but implies that it's

There is no reason to confront the US over Russia's military aid to Iran

all right to wait. Israel, on the other hand, is conscious of the urgency of acting against this.

IT IS oot clear that Yeltsin is capable of laying down the law to the Russian establishment. His rival, Gen. Alexander Lebed, recently announced that 100 suitcase-size Russian tactical nuclear weapons are missing. Sanctions and temptplayed sophisticated diplomacy. It ing offers of compensation are no is trying to ensure American recog-use in the face of such anarchy.

So it was unwise of our government to announce publicly it would encourage the US Congress Yevgeny Primakov's suggestion to impose sanctions on Russian companies supplying nuclear or ballistic weapons to Iran. Given the disintegration of the centers of power in Russia, such a decision is hard to implement.

There is certainly no reason to have a confrontation over this issue with the US administration, which is opposed to legislation conditioning aid to Russia on an end to Russian aid to Iran's rear-

When Secretary of State Madeleine Albright was here, she requested the government not to encourage its friends in Congress to suggest conditions for American aid to Russia. This request can and should be fulfilled. It is not a question of principle or conscience. It is a question of tactics.

Even if the government is convinced that this is the only way to prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons, it is very doubt ful this should be stated in public. Twenty years ago, when US Jews asked their congressmen members to support the Jackson-Vanik amendment conditioning the granting of most-favorednation trade status to the Soviet Union on its allowing Jews to emigrate, the Russians could only guess that Israel was behind the move. Israel refused to be identified in public as its initiator.

In the spring of 1975, the Soviet ambassador in Washington met with his Israeli counterpart to see if the legislation could be averted. When he did not succeed, Russia punished Israel by pushing for the Zionism-is-racism resolution in the UN.

Now Boris Yeltsin is taking revenge on Israel by stating that it, and not the Palestinian Authority, is responsible for the stagnation of the peace process.

The pretentions statement that Israel will push the US Congress to enact sanctions against Russian companies creates the impression that our government, which is having trouble enlisting support for its legislation in the Knesset, is all-powerful in Congress. The statement is foolish and damaging. It would be better to work with the US administration on this issue.

The writer is a Jerusalem Post columnist

external, and have nothing to do

The Azzam syndrome

GERALD M. STEINBERG

When Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak was asked about a pardon for asked about a pardon for Azzam Azzam, the Israeli Druse sentenced to 15 years for spying, he shook his head slowly. No presidential pardon would be forthcoming,

with Netanyahn's criticism of the

with Israel. They are the result of failed economic policies and corplacing his proposals on the table ruption that have contributed to for discussion, Sadat demonstrat-ed a type of leadership that was poverty, social unrest, and terrorism. (The Islamic revolutionary groops inside Egypt that were

Vir Isaiah Berlin once described Tolstoy as a fox Who thought he was a hedgehog. A large number of Israeli

officials, but a set of values to be unique then and has not been public figures are afflicted with sponsor of the laws, specifically he said, because Prime Minister repeated since in the Arab world. A legal lightweight like Justice responsible for the assassination similar confusions of identity. enforced by the judiciary. denied that they were intended to The judge, writes Barak in Judicial Review, is entitled to Since Sadat, Egypt has been traveling in reverse. The atmos-Binyamin Netanyahu had "insulted of Sadat and for the continuing Our president is supposed to be Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, eager to confer any new powers on the the Egyptian judicial system." Even if Mubarak did not agree. a queen giving expression to whatever oational consensus still terrorism in Cairo are motivated shed his image as a partisan bully-Supreme Court values within society, consonant with the view of the "enlightened population in whose midst he dwells." In his search for the enlightened clite, the judge Barak boy, provides no counterweight to phere in Cairo is now more hostile primarily by economic and social to Israelis than it was in 1977. The objectives.) The climate of hostiliremains, but he insists on shoot-: "his legal betters in the selection toward Israel does nothing to trial, which was understated and newspapers, including such maining off his mouth like the loudprocess. Last week, Barak again rejected would have been the natural stream organs as Al-Ahrom, pubsolve these fundamental problems. mouth on the next bar stool. Teu' In fact, Mubarak and his colresponse of any head of government, ' lish a steady diet of coarse antiyears ago, when such meetings calls to make the court more repwere still illegal, he was advising the PLO on how to deal with leagues, such as National Security enlightened elite, the judge, Barak land - indeed Section 10 explicit resentative. His preference for this is clearly an excuse and was not admits, will rarely have to look ly leaves in force all previously objective criteria of legal expertise very convincing. But then Mubarak Adviser Osama el-Baz and **Mubarak has** added the real reason for his deci-Foreign Minister Amr Moussa, Israel; today he advises the US further than himself. enacted laws. would ring less hollow had the sion, asking: "What am I supposed to tell the Egyptian people..?" And therein lays the real problem of the know that to achieve enough ecosecretary of state on how to pres-The Barakian judge is oot Finally, the enactment of the Barak court confined itself to the allowed himself to oomic growth to survive and main-SUIC DS. technical aspects of judging - a tain power, the Egyptian govern-ment needs a stable regional envitask, hy the way, for which many of its members had no prior expebe led into a deeper Cabinet ministers act not as memhers of a governmeot **Barak shares with Frederick the Great** Middle East - the continuing culture and deeper ronment. But by failing to take charged with executing its poliof hostility and the absence of leadrience. more than a desire to advance his values positive steps, including ignoring or challenging the old-guard "intellectuals" for whom hostility confrontation with cies, hut like Somali warlords Instead Barak has consistently ership, particularly from Egypt. with all the means at his disposal whose performance will be thrust the court into the role of Had Mubarak acted magnani-Israel judged solely by whether they mously and sent Azzam home, be policy-maker and arbiter of values. The proposed jurisdictional reforms he backs are largely to Israel is a way of life, the increase their ministry's share of would also have sent a long overbound by any societal consensus. basic laws lacked any of the delibdue signal of the need to improve Israeli and antisemitic propaganda. Egyptians are further undermining the budget. relations with Israel. But Mubarak All these confusions of role Indeed the judge "must somedesigned to remove the court from hat is left of the peace process. cration and formality associated with a constitutional revolution: was worried about the response of THE arrest and trial of Azzam Egypt was and remains the key make us a laughingstock, but none times depart the confines of his the bumdrum business of appel-"the Egyptian people," who are Azzam was remarkably similar to to the success of this process in the is ultimately so dangerous to our legal system and channel into it Less than half the Knesset even late review, and turn it exclusively civil society as Supreme Court President Aharon Barak's concepone of the spy serials on govern-ment-controlled television that fealong term. Sadat knew that withfundamental values not yet found voted on their final reading. to reviewing governmental decicontinuously fed a steady diet of out leadership from Cairo, the in it." In the basic laws enacted Barak shares with Frederick the anti-Israeli propaganda. Mubarak has allowed himself to sions. ture stereotyped Israelis, complete with invisible ink and seductive El tion of himself as a 20th-century efforts to create an atmosphere of io 1992, Barak fouod virtual Great more than a desire to On such divisive issues as the philosopher king. Both critics and friends of Barak carte hlanche for such enrichtolerance and mutual coexistence advance his values with all the definition of Israel as a Jewish ment of our legal system accord-ing to the views of the enlightelsewhere in the Middle East arc means at his disposal. For one, he Al stewardesses. Israel is also state, there is oo basis to prefer blamed for everything from AIDS to putting aphrodisiacs in candies. does oot take kindly to criticism. doomed to failure. However, since are unanimous about his brikthe subjective views of "enlightliance, generosity, patience, and unaffected personal style. Yet these virtues, considerable as they Attacks on his "judicial imperial-ism" are inevitably portrayed as ened population. Sadat, the Egyptians have acted ened" justices, chosen from an against their own national interests He characterized those laws, in a Journalists, engineers, lawyers, extremely oarrow band of the undermining one of society's funand the interests of the Arab world series of articles and speeches, as legal community, to those of elected officials. (An informal entertainers, and their professional may be, do not qualify him for the a virtual constitutional revolution. damental institutions. guilds maintain a boycott of Israel, by attempting to isolate Israel. If we are going to escape the cycle of hatred and violence, the Last week, Barak again protest-"a powerful tool to change Israel role of principle arbiter of the valnot because of specific Israeli poliquota limits the court to one reliues of our society. society." In addition to the brief, ed criticisms directed at the court. gious justice out of 15, while a cies, but because this hostility has and largely uncontroversial. list of conveniently ignoring the fact Egyptian leadership, beginning with President Mubarak, must At a last week's swearing-in cer-Twenty years ago, Anwar Sadat defied the self-proclaimed become a vehicle for the affirmaquarter of MKs are religious.) To that the sharpest of those attacks emony for new judges, Barak enumerated rights in those laws, tion of Egyptian and Arab patriothe extent that such issues cannot Barak has argued that they include have come from within the legal sounded a familiar theme: The tism. These Egyptians have lost show the way. Mnbarak can start be finessed, they should be a wide array of "unenumerated community itself - from acadehy pardoning Azzam Azzam, and he will surely find the right words determination of fundamental confidence in themselves, and they hashed out in a forum where all rights " mia and former jodicial colblame Israel for their problems. societal values belongs to judges segments of society have been leagues. Like most kings, Barak is eager Unlike his predecessor, Mubarak seems to fear that any to explain this act of statesmanno less than to the Knesset. heard. The era of the philosopher king The basic dilemma of judicial THE claim that the basic laws ship to the Egyptian people. constitute an embryonic constituto extend his begemony and positive gesture toward Israel review in democratic societies bas passed. It should not be The writer directs the Arms who will protect against the judges tion is completely unwarranted, ensure his succession. Using his however small, such as the release revived here. according to former Supreme becoming Platonic guardians power to pick the panel in any and expulsion of Azzam, would **Control Project at the Begin-Sadat** Court president Moshe Landau. case before the court, he can basi-The writer is a Jerusalem Post lead to a loss of influence. Center for Strategic Studies, Barbarely troubles him. For him, Uriel Lynn, then chairman of the cally determine the result in But Egypt's problems are not democracy is not primarily a Ilan University. columnist. ב"ה Ę) בסיד MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT A once in a lifetime opportunity to T ouch the very foundations of Jewish History Yeshiva University Discover your forefathers and your roots invites the public to the Witness the most fascinating sites of our times BOSTON Hausman/Stern Kinus Teshuva Lecture SIT HEBRON 5758 **Eilat Community College** to be delivered in Hebrew by **Rabbi Simcha Hacohen Kook OPEN HOUSE** The Jewish Community of Hebron invites you to join an enlightening and Chief Rabbi of Rehovot Meet with the Program Director captivating tour of the city of the Patriarchs **Yom Kippur** and Matriarchs - truly an unforgettable Sunday September 28, 1997, 18:00 Without the Beit Hamikdash" experience. **Eilat Community College** on The tour includes Hamlecha St. Hatmarim Blvd. Monday, October 6, 1997 Prayers at the Machpela Cave - The restored ancient Jewish Quarter, the Avraham Avinu To confirm your participation please call, fax or e-mail: אור ל-ר תשרי תשניה Synagogua • Beit Romano - Yeshivat Shavei Tel: (07) 648-1333 Fax: (07) 648-1670 at Hevron • Beit Hadassah • the Museum of 1929 e-mail: bostom@bgumail.bgu.ac.il 8:00 p.m. The burial place of Jesse and Ruth - The ancient cemetery - the Rabbinic section - And more... at the Caroline and Joseph S. 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be led by a small group of intellectuals, mired in the myths and rhetoric of the 1950s, into a deeper and deeper, confrontation with Israel. His passivity has erased many of the gains that were achieved when Egypt became the first Arab state to make peace with Israel.

Egyptian and Arab political and intellectual elite by coming to Jerusalem and declaring his readiness for peace. Sadat did not abandon the Arab position - in fact, his language was hlunt and the negotiations were very difficult, with numerous crises and near-failures. However, by setting foot in Israel, opening a formal dialogue, and

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NASA OKs astronaut's stay on Mir

By MARCIA DUNN

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP) - NASA yesterday decided to send American David Wolf up for a four-month stay aboard the aging, troubled Russian Mir station, after a pair of concurring. last-minute safety reviews.

Space shuttle Atlantis was scheduled to blast off last night, carrying seven crew members, including Wolf.

"This careful and thorough review of the shuttle-Mir mission analyzed risk, readiness, and, fore-

By KEVIN LAMARQUE

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Black Hills of South Dakota.

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London where he joined the popu-lar Wild West Show, which even

His family had lost track of him

and only discovered his where-

abouts from British housewife

Oueen Victoria went to see.

most, safety," NASA administra- . review panel, urged Goldin to tor Daniel Goldin said yesterday send Wolf up. morning.

"We move forward not only because it is safe, but for the important scientific and human experience we can gain only from Mir," he said. "As we prepare for the June 1998 launch of the first element of the international space station, nothing can beat the hands-on, real-time training aboard Mir."

On Wednesday, former Gemini and Apollo astronaut Thomas Stafford, head of a Mir safety

Body of Sioux warrior returns home

"It's a go because we reviewed that the systems on board the Mir present no more risks than they have for the previous flights that have gone up there." Stafford told CBS Evening News on Wednesday. Wolf acted Wednesday as

though he already knew the outeome. "See you in four to five months." the relaxed-looking astronaut said during a gathering of friends and family at the launch pad.

and engineer who spent the past year undergoing cosmonaut training in Russia, has said repeatedly that he's eager to move into the trouble-plagued Mir.

Regardless of what Goldin had decided, Atlantis still would have flown to Mir to bring American Michael Foale home after a 4 1/2month stay and to drop off a replacement computer and patches for holes as well as food, water and

other urgently needed supplies. The 11 1/2-year-old Mir has encountered numerous problems

Wolf, 41, an unmarried doctor over the past seven months, most notably a terrifying fire and collision that almost forced the crew to abandon ship. The station always has an attached capsule for quick escapes, and Wolf has said that in just about any emergency he could imagine. the crew could get to the

capsule and return to Earth. Many experts, however, believe recurring problems to be more worrisome: computer crashes, cooling-loop leaks, oxygen-generator breakdowns, and malfunctions in the carbon dioxide removal system.

MOSCOW (AP) - A top Russian Defense Ministry official vesterday denied the existence of suitcasesized nuclear bombs, saying such devices are technically possible, but too costly and inefficient to produce.

The statements by Lt.-Gen. Igor Volynkin followed claims by former government officials that Moscow possesses the miniature bombs and has lost track of some of them.

maintenance, and storage of nuclear weapons in Russia," said Volynkin, who heads the ministry's department in charge of nuclear security. He said it is possible, in theory, to huild suitcase-sized bombs, hut noted that the venture would be "very costly and ineffective,"

whole network of new plants and a whole network of military units to maintain these weapons," Volynkin said in remarks carried by the ITAR-Tass news agency. "Such a suitcase cannot be kept in an office, from the technological point of view."

the form of a suitcase could serve for a few months, and then would need to be replaced. An ordinary nuclear weapon serves for several years," he said.

Warnings about suitcase-sized bombs were first voiced earlier this month by retired Gen. Alexander Lebed, Russia's former security chief. He asserted that of 132 such bombs, 84 are missing.

can always rely on politicians to spoil anything. Parliament opened this week under what an

Caution: Canadians thinking

Call Dominus

"Pizza economy," snarled

opposition New Democrat leader Alexa McDonough.

"Some get big slices, some get a

any of that."

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If you met an American with nice manners but no money. where would you guess he was from?

Yes, Toronto, But we don't sliver, and there's nothing new hear so many of those hoary old jokes any more

explaining why Column One Canadians aren't Americans. Recently, Canadians have been making it perfectly clear they are both different and defiant, when

necessary. In July, there was the "salmon war" between Canadian and US fishermen. Last week, there was a much more serious Canadian

Gabriella Petivoky, the usual

blondie leggic model who wants

to discover world peace, decided

while waiong to achieve that to

pose for advertising photos for

Nothing pornographic, you understand, hut worse - taste-

less. In every Hooters appeared

a poster of a Canadian under a

caption: "Caution: Bloodes thinking." Weep on, Canadian womanhood.

The Thoughts of Ms. Pelivoky

for Peace may have had little

influence on the politicians involved in the Oslo land mines

treaty, but their hackbones were

undoubtedly stiffened by the

publicity brought to the issue by

a truly regal blonde - the late

Axworthy, who was a leader in

formulating the treaty, deserves

fulsome credit for his country's

refusal to allow the Americans

to make exemptions which

would have ruined the initiative.

He delivered the coup de grace

by announcing Canada will uni-

laterally destroy the last of its

own 95,000 mines before the

scheduled treaty signing in early

It was a good week for Canada - or it should have been - but one

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Nonetheless, Foreign Minister

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on the other side of the ring. She had Thomas O'Dwyer referred to them, as the 155 Liberals sat opposite, as those "who are pretdefiance of American attenupts ty pleased with their record." to fudge the international land

Missing the obvious layer of sar-And – to get really serious – they fired Miss Canada International for taking a job with Hooters, the Tacky American (T&A) restauranteurs. casm on that one, up leaped all 155 of the smuggies, amid much yelling and hootening, to applaud both for themselves and for Ms. McDonough's perspicacity.

The Speaker appealed for a new session of parliament noted for the hrevity and conciseness of parliamentarians' contribuuons. He might as well have been in the Knesset asking for decorum and manners. He harehad sat down before the finance minister was on his feet droning on endlessly about his own excellence and brilliant analyses of something called non-accelerating inflation rate of unemployment - which appeared to be about more people being thrown out of work more slowly.

He got so carried away as to proclaim "Alan Greenspan [chairman of the US Federal Reserve] agrees with me." Members paused to see if he would stamp his foot and say "so there!" before yowling in amazement that any Canadian should think any opinion of any American could be of any use to Canada.

Medal with leaf

On separatism, Chretien in his first term followed a British model of feeding the provinces more autonomy in the hope of blunting any appetite for inde-pendence. Now, with opinion polls showing a waning of sep-aratist aspirations, he seems set on holding up the central government as the standard bearer for national unity.

Baloney and balderdash, said



Jessie Black, the 87-year-old granddaughter of Sioux Indian Chief Long Wolf, attends a service after Long Wolf's remains were exhumed yesterday to begin the journey back to his ancestral burial ground in South Dakota. (Reuters)

> about tracing his relatives by plac-ing advertisements in US newspapers.

"When I found the grave, I made a promise that he would go home. I know Long Wolf longed to be at home at the foot of his beloved

the £12,000 cost of returning Long Wolf to bis birthplace.

British donations paid for most of

"I don't know how to thank our friends who have reunited us with Long Wolf and Star," said an emotional John Black Feather, Long

Russian general: **'Suitcase** A-bombs' don't exist

"We fully control the production,

"In this case one needs to create a

In addition, "a nuclear weapon in

Lebed said the devices, which weigh 60 pounds-100 pounds and fit into a suitcase or backpack, were

London cemetery." It took Knight size abeth Knight, who learned of the chief's sad fate from a book she Long Wolf's grave. She then set tional church service yesterday.

found at an antique market.

The author of the book, adventur-

er and politician Robert Cunningham Grahame, described

how Long Wolf lay in "a neglected

grave in a lone corner of a crowded

service.

woll's great grandson, after Ene designed for sabotage benind enemy lines.

Report: JFK documents regarding **Marilyn Monroe faked**

NEW YORK (AP) - Documents showing former president John F. Kennedy made a deal with actress Marilyn Monroe to ensure her silence about their alleged affair have proven fake, prompting a television network to revise its planned Kennedy documentary and a noted author to delete a chapter from his upcoming book, The New York Times reported yes-

The alleged deal had Kennedy vowing to pay for a trust fund to aid Monroe's mother. In exchange, the actress allegedly agreed not to publicly disclosed their alleged relationship.

Lawrence X. Cusack 2d, the source of the documents, said they came from his late father, a prominent attorney who Cusack claimed had done secret work for the

Kennedy family. Several handwriting experts commissioned by the television network ABC could not challenge the signatures of Kennedy and Monroe on the documents, the newspaper said. But other experts hired by ABC eventually conclud-

ed that the main document in question was typed on a typewriter manufactured years after the date on the document.

ABC was to present a report on its decision on its 20/20 news program late yesterday, the paper said. As for the documentary itself, ABC News president David Westin told the newspaper that no final decision on whether it will be aired had been made.

The documentary is based on the upcoming book, The Dark Side of Cameloi, by Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter Seymour Hersh. Originally slated for release this month, the book is now set to be released in November, according to publisher Little Brown and Company.

The newspaper said Hcrsh would not comment on the issue. But Sarah Crichton, Little Brown

publisher, said Hersh made sure the book did not contain any material based on the documents. The paper quoted an unidentified source as saying a whole chapter on Kennedy and Monroe was deleted.

UK press gets tougher privacy laws

LONDON (AP) - The head of Britain's press watchdog yesterday outlined a tougher privacy code, including a ban on photographs of people in restaurants and churches, following the death of Princess Diana.

Lord Wakeham, chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, indicated at a news conference that even editors of the raciest tabloids will go along with what he called "the toughest set of industry regulations anywhere in Europe."

But others were skeptical about how long the tabloids' new, restrained attitude toward the royal family will last unless violations are punished hy huge fines and possibly temporary bans on publication. The commission's sanction is limited to having newspapers publish its critical findings

The code bars publication of pictures obtained illegally or through "persistent pursuit," bars media scrums round celebrities or ordinary people temporarily in the news; provides greater protection for people in grief or shock and greater protection for children.





Street vendors in Indonesia sell face masks to residents as choking smoke envelops much of Southeast Asia from forest fires.

Smoke chokes Southeast Asia

By GEOFF SPENCER

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - Citizens of six nations wheezed, coughed and prayed for rain yesterday, as thousands of firefighters across Indonesia tried to put out blazes that have blanketed much of Southeast Asia with a choking thick brown haze,

Millions have been urged to stay indoors or to wear protective masks against an environmental menace that has shown no respect for international borders or any sign of abating.

Many schools and airports have been closed. Clinics and hospitals are full of patients struggling to breathe. Others complain of raw red throats, stinging eyes and infected lungs.

Hundreds of fires, many of them deliberately lit to clear land, have been burning for months, blackening more than 740,000 acres and polluting the air.

Meteorologists say El Nino, an abnormal weather pattem over the Pacific Ocean, has triggered the worst drought in half a century and has delayed monsoon rains needed to extinguish the flames, clear the air, and save CTODS

Allah will give us rain," said one of hundreds of Moslems who gathered to pray in the smoke-draped town of Jambi, on Sumatra Island, where score of fires were raging.

Environmentalists have accused Indonesia of having done little to prevent the crisis.

Newspapers yesterday quoted Indonesia's Forestry Minister Djamaludin Suryohadikusumo as saying, however, that more than 8,000 firefighters have brought

many fires under control.

"The remaining problem is how to reduce the smoke and haze," he was quoted by the Indonesian Observer as saving.

Neighboring Malaysia, where air pollution soared to hazardous levels when the smoky haze drifted north, has

sent more than 1,200 firefighters to Indonesia to help. The president of the International Worldwide Fund for Nature, Syed Babar Ali, who is visiting Indonesia, said the forest fires had grown into "an international catastrophe."

Malaysian activists and opposition politicians protested in front of the prime minister's office yesterday, denouncing "the lack of firm and effective action" to fight the pollucon.

We are surprised that the fires in Indonesia raging at such magnitude were not detected at an early stage," a statement from the protesters read, "We should have paid greater attention to the situation and helped Indonesia to control or put off the fire as soon as it happened."

So far, Indonesia has said two of its citizens have died after complaining of breathing difficulties. Another 35,000 have sought medical anention for the effects of smoke.

In Malaysia, a coalition of environmentalists and physicians says at least 8,170 people have been hospitalized. Another 15,000 have sought treatment as outpatients in recent weeks.

A health alert has been declared in parts of the Philippines and the haze has also enveloped the tiny oilrich Sultanate of Brunei.

ancient Roman would have called "favorable auspices." The modern equivalent of chicken entrails are low interest rates, an export boom, rising growth, a downtum in the jobless, and a budget sniffing the edges of surplus. And don't say it in French hut even Quebec separatism seemed to be fizzling.

However, all the joy was drained from the eccentricallynamed "Throne Speech" sessioo that opens parliament, despite the Ruritanian three-corncred hats and dull roar of impotent cannon that goes with it.

Following the June election, five parties share the 301 seats in the House of Commons with the ruling Liberal Party having a razor-thin majority. So no one was going to allow Prime Minister Jean Chretien to crow about a little prosperity carved from the fat haunches of social welfare programs during his first term.

government said yesterday.

Releasing partial recommenda-

tions of the Committee on Medical

Aspects of Food and Nutrition

Policy (COMA), the government

said people who eat the daily aver-

age of around 90 gm. of red meat

should also consider reducing

The recommendations were

included in a report that COMA

their intake.

Jacques Parizeau, the former Quebec premier and past leader of the Parti Ouebecois, vesterday. "It's too late now -Quebec's only future is to go it alone."

A week ago at Calgary, nine premiers - with the exception of Quebec's Lucicn Bouchard - agreed to recognize Ouebec's "uniquencss." What an insult, thundered Parizeau.

"We've gone from founding people, to special status, to associated state, to sovereign country, to distinct society, and now - we're 'unique.' Next time, I suppose, Quebecers will be allowed to wear a medal at public functions."

Gilles Duceppe, leader of the Bloc Quebecois, said Chretien's new policy "is a nothing but a hig maple leaf."

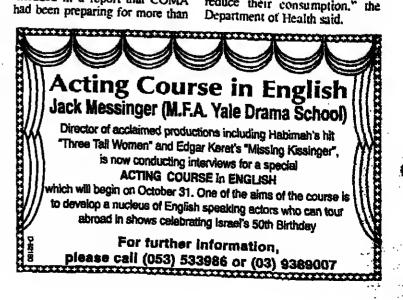
Is that higger than a fig leaf? Perhaps the premier should call Hooter's advertising department: "Mr. Canada hcre

Britain warns red meat eaters of cancer risk LONDON (Reuters) - People

who eat more than 140 grams of Other researchers have already red meat a day should cut back established strong links between a their consumption to reduce the high intake of animal fat, mostly risk of bowel cancer, the British from meat and cheese, and higher

rates of cancer and heart disease. The average consumption of red and processed meat should fall; those with intakes at or above the current average of around 90 gm/day [about S-10 portions per

week] should consider a reduction; and those with high intakes above around 140 gm.iday [about 12-14 portions per week] should reduce their consumption." the Department of Health said.



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'Offer some carrots with the stick'



Gillon: If Arafat could show his people some real benefits, he could do better in the fight against terror. (Alon Ron/Ismel Sm)

Review General Security Service chief Carmi Gillon is convinced the Palestinian Authority could and should do more to crack down on terrorism.

Gillon says there was a time when the PA had the motivation but lacked the ability to prevent terrorism. Today the means are available, but the motivation is lacking. Gillon spoke to The Jerusalem

Post after it was revealed that the suicide bombers whn staged the attacks in Jerusalem's Mahaneh Yehnda market and Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall, killing 20 Israelis, wcre from the West Bank.

Four bombers have been identified by the GSS as residents of Azira Shamalya, a small village near Nablus. A fifth Hamas activist suspected of recruiting the bombers, and possibly nf being the fifth suicide bomber,

has also been identified. He was from the same village. Azira Shamalya is in Area B, under Israeli security control, althnugh Nablus is controlled by , since 1992, more than two years the PA.

escape. Since then they bad remained wanted fugitives both by us and the PA." The fact that the fugitives had

cluded bath authorities, "is the focus of the matter," says Gillon, "because it shows that if there bad been full cooperation [between Israel and the PA] and real efforts by the Palestinians to crack down on the terrorists, the attacks in Jerusalem could have been prevented."

Gillon also notes that there is no shortage of recruits for suicide attacks and that the bombers themselves are only the end of a cbain. "The problem lies with the big-

ger fish, the ringleaders, planners, the bomb-makers and the suppliers and those who assist them - people like Mohammed Deif and Mohieddin Sharif and other leaders of Izzadin Kassam," he says.

"As far as we know these people are fugitives living under cover in the PA-controlled areas. Mohammed Deif, for instance, has been on Israel's wanted list before Arafat came to Gaza.

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that of a Palestinian family is ·down on radical elements bas abont \$1,000. Hamas is a social and welfare movement that provides people with services, as well as being a political organi-

been reduced." Gillon asserts. Gillon maintains that Arafat, Palestinian people. while known to be a political tightrope walker, is nevertheless terrarism effectively, Gillon zation with a radical terrorist acutely aware of the threat he says, "we have to try and show Arafat some light at the end of and the PA are facing from Hamas the tunnel. By this I don't mean His attempts tn placate Hamas a Palestinian state, but that the

Soldiers are very much on the alert as they patrol the Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall in Jerusalem after the triple-suicide bombing there.

Israel are contrary to the overall interests of the PA and the

Former GSS head Carmi Gillon agrees with the prime minister that Yasser Arafat could do more to fight terrorism. But, he tells David Rudge, Israel could also do more to make it worth the Palestinian Authority chairman's while to crack down on Hamas.

If Israel wants Arafat to fight

security is better now than it was before redeployment to the present lines - despite the fatalities and casualties we have suffered ;

than a year before the redeployment. "In fact we started roorganiz-

ing after Septemberrs1993 to as a result of suicide attacks," , , have new abilities in the intelligence field. This boob fadit last

says Gilion. "If we had the situation as it week," says Gillan, referring to was before then, there would the uncovering of a cell that still be suicide attacks, in addiplanned to attack the mall in Jcrusalem and kidnap Mayor tion tn an ongoing intifada - the drive-by shootings, petrol-bomb attacks, stone-throwing and Ehud Olmert. Another benefit af reorganized numerous other incidents perpeintelligence, Gillan says, was the trated by those other than GSS success this week in identi-Moslcm extremists," he says. Despite his belief in the need fying the Jerusalcm suicide bombers. for better cooperation between "I know that the GSS has Israel and the PA, Gillon reveals enough knowledge about Hamas that the GSS began renrganizing and radical Islamic organizaas early as 1993, in preparation tions, even through it has always for the bandover of parts of the been very difficult to infiltrate West Bank and most of the Gaza such groups, not just here, and gather real-time intelligence on Strip to the Palestinians. them," Gillon says. "I think it is a form of propa-But Palestinian input is still ganda on the part of those who say that we would have achieved needed to do the job better and greater success in preventing terprevent more attacks, he adds. ror attacks bad we remained in the territories," says Gillon. "It should be remembered that Work to abtain early leads on bomb suspects "can be and is being done in the areas under our we suffered suicide bomber control, but in other places we attacks on the buses in Tel Aviv, need the cooperation of the Ramat Gan and Jerusalem more Palestinian Authority."

It is widely believed that the ringleaders and organizers of the attacks, from Hamas's so-called military arm Izzadin Kassam, live and operate from PA-controlled areas.

The fact that the bombers came ing the 100 percent effort that we from the West Bank is seen by some as vindicating the government's claims that the PA wasn't mean that we expect 100% sucmeeting the security obligations nf the Oslo Accords.

Gillnn, bowever, maintains that although Israel's demands on PA Chairman Yasser Arafat are totally justified, "the issue is much more complicated and camplex."

Israel, he says, may also have his people anything. The eco-nomic situation is very bad and been remiss in capturing the bombers. "The fnur suicide there are nn real moves on the bambers in question had been on political front," says Gillon. nur wanted list since 1995," says Gillon

"The yearly incame of an average Israeli family, fnr instance is about \$17,000, while "They were arrested by the PA but were 'lncky' enough to

"Arafat and the PA, therefore, by the PA, Gillon said he was have to be seen to be giving "not sure whether the something to the Palestinians nn Palestinians are making any real the political front, and something that improves their stan-In general, he says, "it's clear that the Palestinians are not mak-

dard nf living at least." At one time, Gillon adds, when there was "secret and direct dialogue between the Israeli and Palestinian security forces, we had some really impressive successes in preventing terror.

"At that time the political process was progressing, the economic situation for the Palestinians was better. These was talk nf investment in Gaza and the West Bank, their future appeared brighter and the atmosphore between the twn sides was much better.

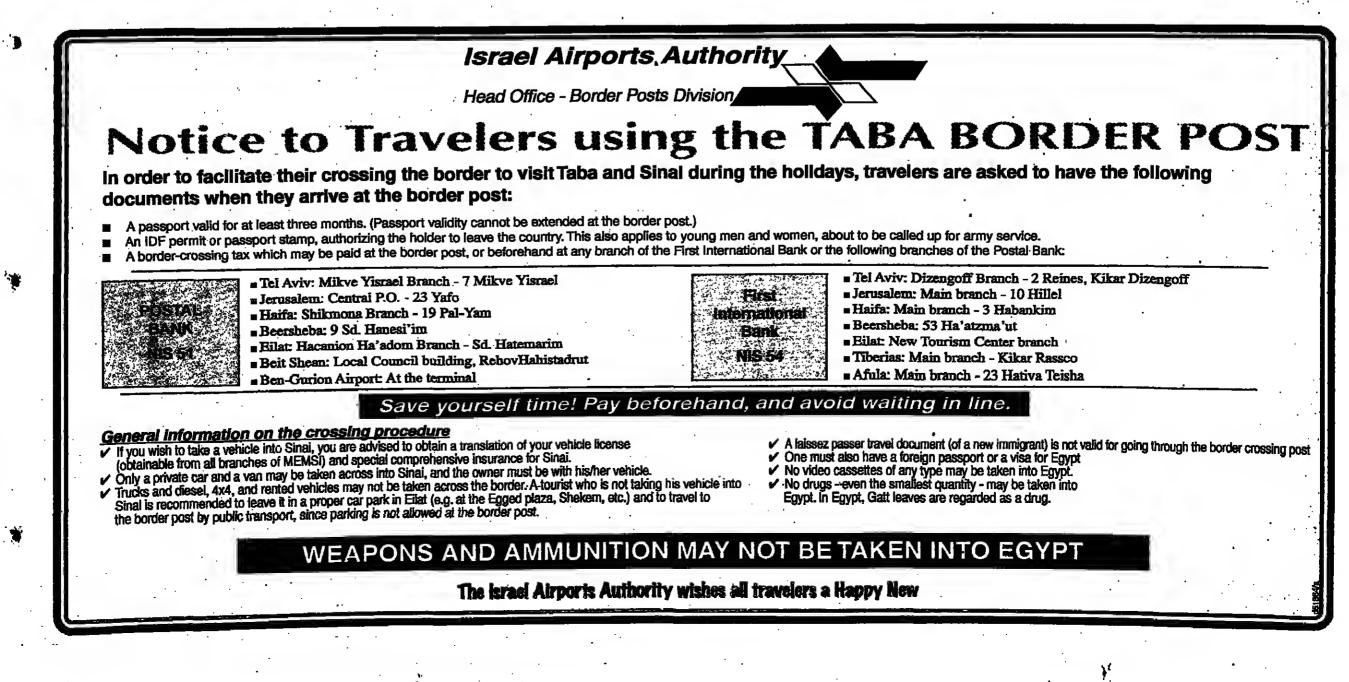
"More recently, Arafat and the PA have not been seeing any light, from their point of vicw, at the end of the tunnel, and consequently the motivation to crack

"It is propaganda to say we would have achieved greater success in preventing terror attacks had we remained in the territories. We suffered suicide bomber attacks more than a year before the redeployment."

and radical elements through process is advancing negotiation bave only raised the ire of Israelis and have consequently impeded the peace process. Yct Arafat could be brought around to taking more action

against Hamas, Gillnn says. He knows that terror attacks on

According to Gillon's thesis, 'Arafat would have greater political freedom to act against terrorist elements if he could show the Palestinian people some substantial benefits at the end of the day. "Ovcrall, I wnuld say that



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The chairman's choice: Abu Mazen (below, left) or Abu Ala are likely candidates. (Ariel Jerozolimski, LP.P.A., Isaac Harari)



Who comes after Arafat?

Recent reports that the PA chairman's health may

be failing have sparked interest in who might

succeed him. Abraham Rabinovich reports

asser Arafat's trembling lips during a television inter-view and his despondent look in recent weeks have unexpectedly placed the question of his health and possible departure from the political scene near the top of the political agenda, for Israelis oo less than Palestinians.

Ironically, the possibility elicits more concern in Israel than glee. Until a few years ago, the Palestinian Authority chairman, who celebrated his 68th birthday last month, was the enemy incarnate --- the symbol of terrorism and existential struggle. But his image has since become

more avuncular than evil for many Israelis. Polls show that the Arafat puppet is by far the most popular of those seen on the Hartzufim television show. A connection between perception of the puppet and the perceived persona would seem likely. Even for many who still view the Palestinian leader as a terrorist, he is the devil-we-know and as such, preferable to devils-wedon't-know.

Many Israeli political figures believe that Arafat is the Palestinian leader most capable, because of his personal standing among his people, of making the concessions necessary to reach a final settlement with Israel. Former Labor health minister Ephraim Sneh, who has close contacts with the Palestinian leadership, said this week that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is seeking to weaken or displace Arafat, to avoid having to make the concessions Israel would have to

make in a final settlement.

partner for peace." Sneh said. For his part, Netanyahu this week wished Arafat good health, but said it was irrelevant to him whom Palestinians chose as their leader.

PALESTINIAN figures are reluctant to discuss the possibility of Arafat's departure.

"I refuse to have my name meotioned in the context of any such article." said a prominent personality. "It's a very sensitive subject." In any case, said the figure, "his health is excellent."

The maze of internal Palestinian politics, hitherto overshadowed by Arafat's dominating presence, promises to engage the Israeli public in the event of his departure with the same intensity as party politics in Israel. The same kind of knowing analyses of the various Palestinian players can be expected in cafe discussions and on talk shows.

Dr. Menahem Klein of Bar-Ilan University is a Palestinianologist who has prepared likely scenarios which may be helpful in following developments. They contain suitably broad margins in which to pencil in unplanned developments, particularly chaos, which many see as a real possibility should Arafat

"It is a guess, a learned guess, that two main coalitions are form-"He wants Arafat to go, in order ing within the Palestinian camp," to be able to claim that Israel has no said Klein. One be sees headed by

Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen), widely regarded as Arafat's most likely successor, even though he holds no formal position within the Palestinian Authority. The other coalition, according to Klein, is headed by Ahmed Qurie (Abu Ala), speaker of the Palestinian Legislative Council. He is designated to take over as acting PA president until elections are held in the event of Arafat's sudden depar-

Both men are moderates with strong commitments to the peace process. But they lack Arafat's personal authority and they would be surrounded by king-makers in uniform with agendas of their own.

Abbas, three years younger than Arafat, helped the latter found Fatah in 1959. Bom in Safed, he earned his doctorate from the University of Moscow with a thesis on Israeli politics.

"He was involved in the PLO on the political level, not with terrorism," said Klein. He took the Israel portfolio, and was among the first to begin preparing for direct contacts with Israel. He was [Labor's Shimon] Peres's opposite number as overseer of the Oslo talks. He reoriented himself politically from Moscow to Washing-

"His problem is that he has no grassroots support. He depends on the Farah establishment."

> Abbas presently lives in

Ramallah, where his construction of a handsome villa has drawn some public eriticism.

Qurie, bom in Abu Dis where he presently lives, was the Fatah treasurer and as such earned Arafat's trust. He entered the political side of the movement through a back door and was named to head the negotiating team at Oslo. He enjoys grassroots support, and in the elections to the Palestinian Legislative Council was one of the highest vote-getters. This populari-

ty has been enhanced by the independence he has displayed as the council's speaker. "He has shown that he is not Arafat's yes-man," said Klein. So much so that, more than once,

Arafat has exercised his prerogative and sat in the speaker's chair himself during meetings of the council to keep a tighter rein.

IT IS not due to indecision that Arafai has not named either man as successor, said Klein. "He wants the competition between them. To balance the rising power of Abu Ala he has developed Abu Mazen as a No. 2, but without any legal standing.

Abbas's formal position is gener-al secretary of the PLO, an organization which hardly has any funcnon since the PA came into being. The position, however, gives him a back-door entree into the heart of the decision-making process.

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Economic link or security risk?

fter the recent terror attacks in Jerusalem, the Americans clearly feel there is little chance of wrapping up the package deal they would dearly like to see, comprising a settlement freeze and redeployment on the Israeli side as against a marked re-emphasis by the Palestinians on fighting terror. So for the moment, they are focusing their mediating efforts on the only things the two sides might be able to agree on: the loose ends of the interim agreement.

· These are the Palestinian commercial seaport and airport, and safe passage for Palestinians from the West Bank to Gaza.

A Palestinian policeman attached to the Palestinian al force guards the

What is the intended purpose of the port arising in Gaza, on a site very different from the one laid down in Oslo? A violation of the accords, charges Israel. Not so, the PA tells Lamia Lahoud

says, and planning two new ones Loaded trueks bring stone from Hebron and cement to build the for a dock going 300-500 meters into the sea and stretching about a

dock. The Palestinians are also kilometer along the beach. dredging the sea for rocks, a PA THE ISRAELI government says naval captain explains, since the the Palestinians are violating Oslo Israelis prevent many trucks from ching Gaza. (In the ilding on a

on which Israel and the PA were about to restart discussions when the bombs went off in Mahaneh Ychuda (the others are the Gaza airport and safe passage between the West Bank and Gaza).

But both sides agree that the commercial Palestinian port is the most important immediate issue and the most sensitive one - on the agenda once negotiations resume. The Israeli navy passes by almost daily, taking pictures of the port under construction," notes the captain. "They also pass over in their planes."

So the PA is building two ports in Gaza? Yes, answers Mohammed Dahlan, head of Gaza's Preventive Security Service - but this port is for local use only. It's a fishing



The former Israeli port, under reconstruction: The Palestinians are extending the pier and

Instead of holding cabinet meetings, Arafat now convenes cabinet numbers together with the executive commuttee of the PLO and the peace negotiating team once a week.

This grouping is designated as "the Palestinian leadership" and here Abbas, who declined to run for the legislative council, has his place at the PA high table.

In Abhas's comer, said Klein, are probably Jibril Rajoub and Mohanimed Dahlan, respectively heads of the preventive security service in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the equivalent of Israel's General Security Service. They can give him the organizational and grassroots support he needs," said Klein.

Although Rajoub himself has been mooted in recent days as a possible successor. Kiem says neither he nor Dahlan have the politi-cal clout to aspire to the leadership reins. They hope, however, to manipulate developments from behind the scenes.

Quric, in turn, is seen as building a coalition with heads of the uniformed police forces in the West Bank and Gaza Strip - Haj Ismael and Nasser Yussof respectively and with civilian leaders like Marwan Barghouti, general secretary of Fatah.

"I can see both these coalitions as already in existence," said Klein, who is also a researcher with the Jerusaleni Institute for Israel Studies. "The danger is that they won't be able to come to an agreement. Since the security forces are involved, that means a possibility

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entrance to the construction site of a port in Gaza. The Palestinian navy is supervising the reconstruction and extension of the former Israeli port, not far from where Yasser Arafat has his office. No one may enter without a special permit, not even accompanied by members of the Palestinian securi-

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Hebron re 1970s, the port was used for trade with neighboring Arab countries -Jordan, Lebanon and Egypt, Syria.)

ty services.

The engineer supervising the construction carries a gun and looks like a member of the PA's security forces. The Palestinians are extending the existing pier, he agreement, one of the three issues

that laid down in the accords, before the sides have come to agreement. The Palestinians refute the charge. They claim that what they are building is just a fishing port. They insist that it is not the Palestinian commercial deepwater port specified in the Oslo

t nouting more. P it's no contravention of Oslo.

DAVID Bar-Illan, the prime minister's communications director, is boats." very skeptical. He told The Jerusalem Post that he doesn't believe the PA's assurances concerning the port. "For a fishing port," he says, "they are building

much too large a pier, and the water is deep enough for cargo

The PA captain did indeed observe that the water, six to eight meters deep, is enough for small cargo boats, and added that the port would also serve the patrol

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boats of the eoast guard. "In the future," he said, "it may have other functions. It may serve private boats or the navy, depending on the agreement we reach with Israel.

Bar-Illan doesn'i mince his words. "This so-called fishing port

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is surrounded by populated areas, which makes access difficult for the Israeli navy," he says. He believes this is precisely the reason the PA is constructing a port in that location.

"Our main concern," Bar-Illan continues, "is inspection of the port and the cargo [that enters it]. We want to make sure that the Palestinians bring neither an army nor military equipment into Gaza through the port." He points out that the agreed location of the port was on an empty stretch of beach near Netzarim, south of Gaza City, where Israel would have easy access for inspection.

Dahlan explains that anyone who _ wants to put a boat out to sea whether for fishing or recreation, and must first register with the coastal; police, who then inform the Israelis. According to Oslo, the PA's coast guards may patrol withthe shore. After coordination with the Israelis, that area may be doubled to enable the guards to deal with Palestinian fishing vessels.

But the Palestinians are complaining. Most of the time, they say, Israel doesn't let the fishermen beyond the six miles under PA cootrol - "a clear violation of the agreement," according to PA Gen. Abdel Razak Yahiya, cochairman of the security committee. After Mahaneh Yehuda, Israel imposed a closure on the sea too, Yahiya said.

EVERYTHING is primed for building to begin on the commeretal deep-water port, Dahlan says. The plans have been completed by a Dutch company. "Everything is ready. We just need to agree with the Israelis on starting construction.

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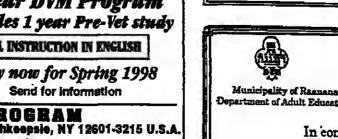
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The security chief estimates that the port will cost \$60-70 million to build. Most of the financing will come from Dutch and French donor money. Sameh Tarazi, the engineer who will be overseeing construction of the port and also heads the PA's negotiating team, adds that the Palestinians will cover about a third of the cost

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week. Levy was busy talking with his counterparts from Europe, the Americas and the Far East prior to a trilateral meeting in Washington next week. In it, the US. Israel and the Palestinians will be conferring with a view to renewing bilateral Israeli-Palestinian talks in the

TEPIOD. Mnving ahead to final-status talks "makes sense," Levy. said. Logic dictates that any agreement depends on whether it looks worthwhile to both sides, he added

The foreign minister warned that the process could become "bogged down in marginal issues" that among those discussed in Levy's address to the UN General come up in interim talks, causing the situation to explode. "The Oslo Accords did not solve

anything," be declared. "They only created a path to a solution. Levy hammered away at the PA's failure to snuff out the terrorist The complex issues must be worked ont in final-status talks."

When Levy confers with Palestinian deputy leader Mahmoud Abbas in the presence the suicide bombers whn blew themselves up in Jerusalem's of US Secretary of State Albright Mahaneh Yehuda market and Benon Monday, he will be seeking a Yehnda mall were Palestinians firm commitment from the Palestinian Authority: the upholding of its commitment to peace acting against terrorism." He and an end to efforts to mobilize noted that Israel had submitted the the Arab League against Israel. bombers' names on a list of 88 Today Levy is due to confer with other terrorist suspects - to no State Department peace coordinaavail. "They pursued them, but did tor Dennis Ross in preparation for not catch them," he said. Levy Monday's sessions.

The "ensemble" created hy the PA and Arab League, Levy said, "does not contribute to peace. This anti-Israel campaign fosters the impression that a peace process is under way when there is no genThe foreign minister took time off in the US this week to tell Jay Bushinsky that respect for the peace process must be mutual

so as not to be hurt by terrorism is absurd," he declared, rejecting the notion that any headway made in T contend that there should be a binding Code of Conduct, in accordance with which respect for the peace process seems to gener-

ate terror against Israelis. Levy would not discuss rumors about PA Chairman Yasser Arafat's health. "He is the man elected by the Palestinians," he said. The peace process is being conducted with the Palestinian leadership, not just with one man."

LEVY HAD just completed a round of talks with China's foreign minister, and was encouraged by the outcome. "The Chinese have dropped their former intention to transfer a nuclear reactor, supposedly for peaceful purposes, to Iran," he said.

But the foreign minister refused to be drawn into the political debate now raging in the US over the pursuit of lucrative economic ties with the Beijing regime, despite its dismal record in the realm of human rights.

"Israel is not out to reform the world," he said, contending that if ' economic opportunities exist in China they should be seized without "intervening in Chinese domestic affairs.'

Levy sounded equally pragmatic about Israel's diplomatic links with Russia. The overriding issue in his talks with Russian Foreign

Moscow's supply of long-range missile technology to Iran.

"If those weapons become operative, they will pose a grave threat to Israel's security, and then it will be too late," he said. Levy seemed to be implying that the Russo-Iranian missile deals should be canceled now.

Levy was generally upbeat about his talks with the Russian diplomat, describing Primakov, whom he has met several times, as "a very experienced man." But he would not discuss Israel's

potential retaliation if the Iranian missile threat is not defused, and refused to comment on reports that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has called for a hait in negotiations with the Russians on the supply of natural gas to Israel.

Levy strongly protested Israel's exclusion from the UN's various regional groupings, which means it cannot win a seat on the Security Council. In a full-page ad pub-lished in The New York Times this week, he demanded that the UN Secretariat "compel our acceptance" to one of the geographical

"It took 15 years to annul the UN resolution that equated Zionism with racism," Levy recalled, implying that constant pressure will eventually succeed. The foreign minister confirmed

reports that his meetings in the US will include discussions with representatives of countries with which Israel has no diplomatic relations. (Levy's aides hinted that surprises may be in the offing on this score.) He pointed out that during his previous tenure as foreign minister Israel established or renewed relations with 34 countries, including China and India.

peace in the region. But Tarazi

The Palestinians also view the port and the Gaza airport as an important symbol of independence and sovereignty. The most significant thing about the port, PA officials say, is that it will open Gaza up, that it will open up independent trade routes for the Palestinians.

rather than through Ashdod or Haifa. Administrative procedures at a small port are easier." According to a Dutch source, the port will have the capacity to handle boats of up to 15,000 tons. Tarazi dismisses Israeli fears that the PA might use the port to smugstranglehold of the elosure.

Bar-Illan agrees on the impor-

what was agreed between the sides. We have no problem with their having an international passenger airport, hat we do mind their receiving military planes which can carry tanks or an entire army." Zaidan agrees that the airport - a fully equipped international airport ready for operations - can receive very large planes, but insists that the intended use is civilian.

The PA was close to reaching agreement with Israel on the airport before Mahanch Yehuda, he says; in fact, the two sides were to have drafted a joint paper the fol-lowing day. While major differences remain, he feels Israel is ready to come to an understanding.

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operating their airport. Palestine Airlines is already off the ground, with offices in Gaza selling tickets for flights between El-Arish in Egypt and Jordan. The Palestinians have two planes, donated hy the Dutch, carrying up to 48 passengers. Zaidan says they are planning to bring in more aircraft, adding Lamaca in Cyprus and Jedda in Saudi Arahia to their destinations. The PA already has bilateral transport agreements with Morocco. Tunisia, Egypt, Qatar and Jordan. and will start flying to these countries once there is agreement on the airport. "Theoretically, we can fly to

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Levy rules out abandoning the peace process.

Smaller Israeli businesses will

FAYEZ Zaidan, head of the PA's Civil Aviation, says the Palestinians feel locked into the Gaza Strip. This makes it very important, he says, that agreement be reached with Israel on the airport and on construction of the seaport. The ports, Dahlan adds, will help the Palestinians escape the

(Efraim Kilshtok)

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Ironically, Klein sees less danger of this if Arafat departs because of a violent action. "In that case, the danger of chaos would be less because they would likely draw together against an outside enemy," he said.

THE LONDON-BASED newsletter Foreign Report said that Fatah leaders have named fom possible successors to Arafat: Abu Mazen, Abu Ala;

Kaddoumi. Although Farouk Kad-doumi,

Husseini's attempts at confrontation with Israel, preferring to coordinate steps with the US.

uine peace process going on.

the peace process will be mutual,"

Levy said. "One side can't be

making demands at the same time

that it does not fulfill its side of the

These themes are likely to be

Assembly on Monday. Repeatedly during the interview,

campaign mounted by Hamas and

Citing the discovery that four of

from the West Bank, Levy said

"this proves the PA has not been

charged, moreover, that the PA did

not consult with Israel at any stage

However, the foreign minister

rules ont abandoning the peace

process because of intermittent

acts of terrorism. "Not to proceed

Osin Accords."

Islamic Jihad.

of the pursuit.

Other Israelis familiar with the Palestinian scene say there are other plausible contenders for Arafat's job.

One named Barghouti as a possible contender. Another named Salah Ta'amri from the Beit Sahur area, a former ranking PLO commander captured during the Lebanon War and now a member of the legislative couneil. He was cited for his military record and charisma.

All this speculation, of course, may be premature. Maj.-Gen. Faisal' Husseini and Farnuk' (res.) Oren Shahor, former coordinator of activities in the territo-

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nsists that the port will serve Israeli businesses too, since it will be the smallest commercial port in Yahiya is the Palestinians' negothe Mediterranean. tiator for all security aspects of the talks. He explains that the PA's profit because it will be cheaper and less time-consuming for them to import and export through Gaza

concept of the port is based on the assumption that there will be a Palestinian state. But, be says, this shouldn't hold Israel back from okaying the start of construction, since work on the port will take about a year-and-a-half to complete. "And hy then we may have wound up the final status talks," Yahiya says.

It is operational issues like secugle in weapons, or for other milirity procedures and customs tary purposes. There are other ways arrangements that are the most sen-

head of the PLO Political Department in Tunis, has been touted as a possible successor to Arafat, Klein does not think that likely, because of his absence from the region. Klein also does nnt see Jerusalem's Husseini emerging as the Palestinian leader.

"He doesn't have the power base to establish a third coalition," Klein said.

During the Ras al-Amud dispute, Klein noted, the Palestinian national leadership npposed

ries, has met Arafat many times over the years and says he has often seen the trembling-lip syndrome. "He's had it since he was

injured in a plane crash some years ago," said Shahor. Others put Arafat's seeming despondency down to the political situa-

Sooner nr later, however, the rais must step aside. Israelis and Palestinians may want to begin focusing even now on the figures

sitive, and the Palestinians feel these can be discussed at a later stage, when most of the construction is done. "In our studies," says Tarazi, "we even considered the possibility of trade with Arab states as far afield as Iraq."

Israelis tend to see the port in political terms, as a symbol of a state, he says. And they fear that in the future Arab states like Iraq or Syria may prefer to use Gaza's port over an Israeli port, once there is

to bring in weapons, he says, and Israel could always search boats on the high seas. He notes, however, that a captain might view such action as piracy, and that could trigger problems, even clashes. Yahiya says some security arrangements could be worked out

on the pattern of those at other international crossing points, like the Jordan bridges or the Gaza airport. The nature of those arrangements would depend on the status of the Palestinian areas

tance of the airport and seaport issues once negotiations resume. Israel recognizes that the free movement of people and goods is an important aspect of the Osln accords. "Israel has no problem with this," Bar-Illan says, "but it will insist for security reasons on inspecting who and what enters the Gaza Strip."

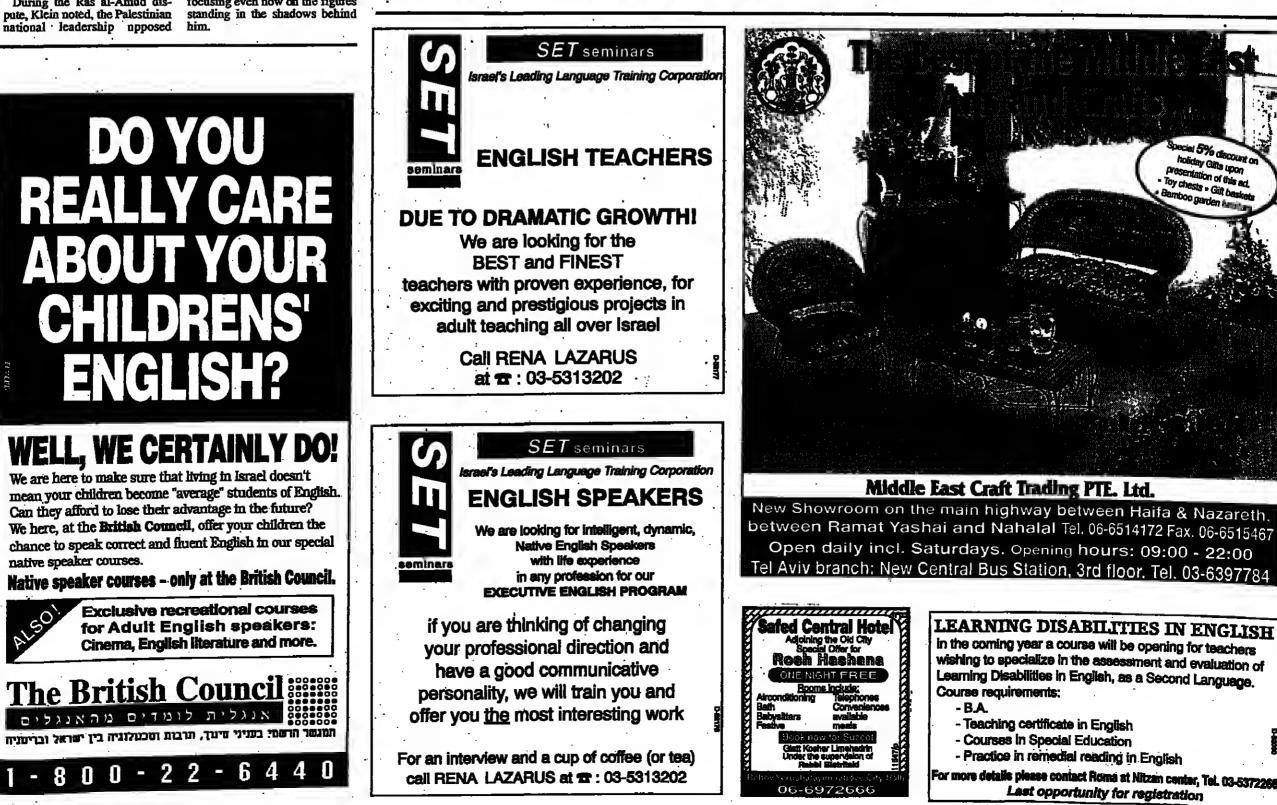
Bar-Illan notes that the Dahariya airport, in the southern part of the Gaza Strip, "is much bigger than

According to Yahiya, the main sticking point is the sides' differing concepts of security. The Israelis want to keep overall security control at the airport; the Palestinians argue that the airport is in PA territory, and so they should be in charge of security there. Zaidan feels that, with goodwill, special security arrangements can be worked out once the sides agree on this principle:

"It is an international passage, but not a border point, since it is

all countries that have agreements with Israel," Zaidan says. According to negotiator Yahiya, settling the outstanding issues of the interim agreement satisfactorily with Israel would do much to build confidence between the sides, something that is vital if the dead-

lock on the most important issues settlements, further redeployment and the resumption of final status negotiation - is ever to be broken.

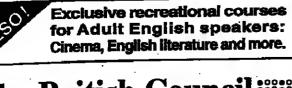


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When upholders of the law clash

t's not easy being an underling, even a powerful one. Just ask this country's police inspec-tors-general, both past and pre-

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Police chief Assaf Hefetz was summoned Saturday night to the home of his boss, Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, to straighten out relations following a well-publicized spat over the move of right-wing activists to the Irving Moskowitz property in Ras al-Amud.

Kahalani, along with Jerusalem Police Commissioner Yair Yitzhaki, knew beforehand that the families would move in but didn't do anything to stop it. Hefetz thought they should have. Newspapers wrote of bad blood between Kahalani and Hefetz, of a sharpening of knives, a crisis of confidence.

If true, it wouldn't be the first time that the nation's two top law-

"Tension in the ranks occurs before the end of every inspector-

general's term."

enforcement officials have clashed. Tension with the boss seems to

come with the top police job. Exhibit A: Herzl Shafir and Josef Burg. In 1980 relations between interior minister Burg, who was in charge of the police, deteriorated to the point where Burg fired inspector-general Shafir over a police investigatioo into the Interior Ministry.

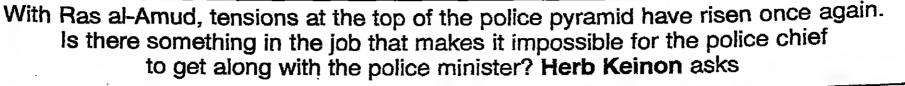
Exhibit B: Ya'acov Temer and Moshe Shahal. Terner was forced to resign in 1993 after he met with Labor Party representatives over the possibility of running on their ticket in a mayoral race in either Tel Aviv or Beersheba.

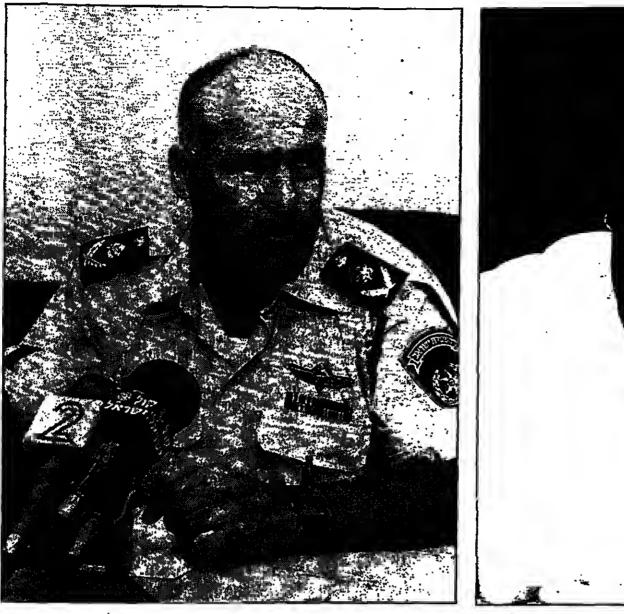
Terner's resignation came amid a tumnituous relationship with Shahal, whom he accused of interfering in the investigation of Arych Deri.

And now there is the Kahalani-

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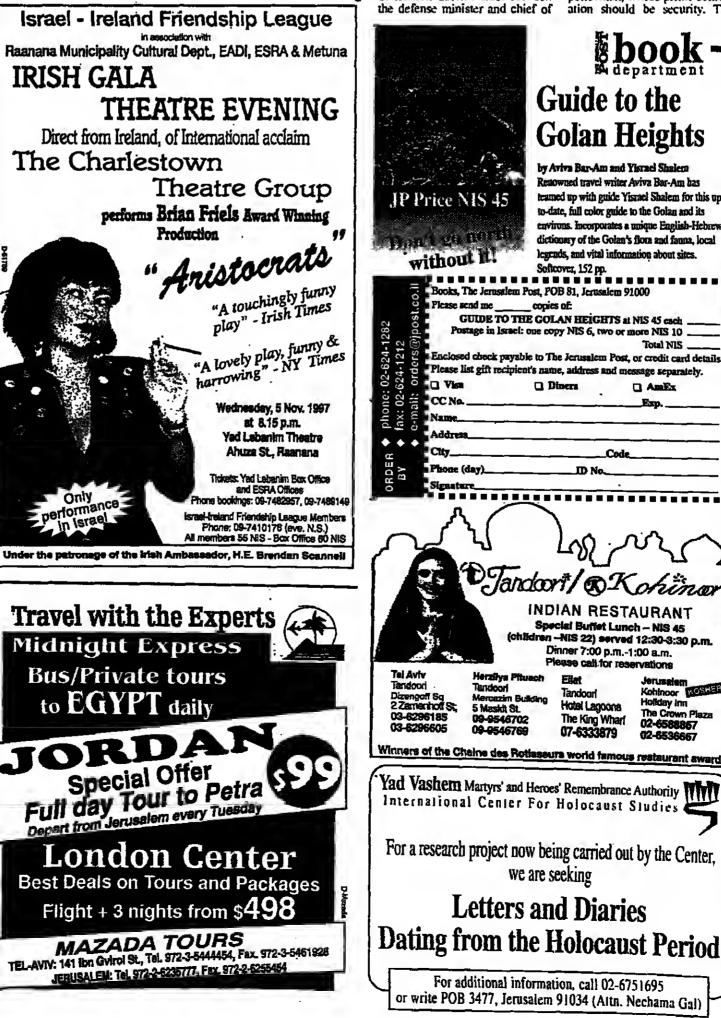


It takes two to tango: The relationship between Police Chief Assaf Hefetz (left) and his boss Avigdor Kalahani is not an easy one.

Hefetz tango. Their reported flareup betweeo the two comes just two months before Kahalani decides whether to extend date to replace him.

Hefetz's teoure. Hefetz has been much tension with the boss, a in the job since May 1994, and degree of tension that is often Yair Yitzhaki is a leading candiabsent in relations between the defense minister and his chief of staff?

WHAT IS it about the position of "Friction between the two is inspector-general that generates so almost inherent in the position."



commented Temer. The source of the inspectorgeneral's authority is not only the minister, but the law. When it comes to investigations, the minister cannot interfere. This causes obvious friction."

Terner believes that this source of friction doesn't exist between



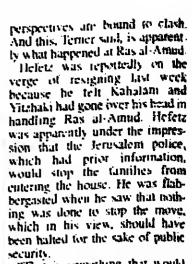
the lines of ultimate authority are more clearly drawn, and flow

the minister in charge of police is a politician, the inspector-general is supposed to be a professional policeman, whose prime consideration should be security. These

(Brian Hendler, Isaac Haran)

staff because in that relationship from the minister downward.

Terner observed that whereas



"This is something that would never have happened under former Jerusaleni police commissioner Arych Ann," he reportedly said at an internal police meeting.

ONCE A disagreement in the top

in 1980, it was **Herzl Shafir at** loggerheads with Josef Burg. In 1993, it was Ya'acov Terner and Moshe Shahal.

police ranks became apparent, everyone put their own spin on it. Some, led by MK Yossi Sarid, head of Meretz, charged that Kahalani kept Hefetz out of the Ras al-Amud loop because he did not want him to keep the settlers from moving in. That could have caused a confrontation with Moskowitz, who was a big contributor to the non-party move-ment that spawned Kahalani's party, the Third Way.

Police sources quoted by the media have alleged that Yitzhaki did not try to block the families from moving in because he is cycing Hefetz's job, and wanted to curry favor with Kahalani,

Ychuda Eliram, a former topranking police officer and police historian at Bar Ilan University, said that the relationship between Kahalani and Hefetz is generally harmonious, "al-though no one's talking about love,"

There have been periods of tension, said Eliram, who describes himself as a "close friend of Heferz." He said that the tension could get worse as the time draws near for a decision over whether to keep Heferz in his job. Tension in the ranks is something that occurs before the end of every inspector-general's term," he said. "It is a natural tension between people, but the knives have not been drawn." The public, Eliram said, "expects and even wants" to see conflict in the police, with the result often being a self-fulfilling prophecy. According to this pattern, news of infighting appears in the papers, which leads to arguments among officers over who leaked the information, which then brings more friction and infighting. Eliram commented that Kahalani's military background - as a heroic commander in the Golan Heights during the Yom Kippur War, who reached the rank of brigadier general - tends to give him a "hands-on" approach to the police. At the same time, Hefetz does not want a suprainspector general breathing down his neck. Eliram noted too that police work by its very nature breeds tension. The relations between the coun-try's chiefs of police and their boss-es were generally good until 1974, said Eliram, which is when, in the years after the Six Day War and the years after the Six Day war and use occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the police became involved in more politically volatile events, fighting terrorism and other security-related crimes. Police involvement in the war on terrorism puts the police minister and inspector-general in close and constanl contact, "Kahalani is continuously receiving information, he wants to be involved in events, and events are very sensitive. This is not a normal police situation," Eliram said There is constant readiness," he added. "There is a constant need for information. The minister needs questions answered, and there is a great deal of information going hack and forth. There is a lot of contact, and this increases the possible points of conflict." Eliram added that, inevitably, continunication is bound to break down at one time or another. And a "communication breakdown" is exactly the way the Ras al-Amud incident was disnussed by police spokesnien after the ntceting Saturday night at Kahalani's house. Maybe so. But when communication breaks down over a sensitive issue like Ras al-Amud, and when it happens in the few months leading up to a decision on the inspector-general's job, it feeds all kinds of speculation.



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COLUMNS

MIDDLE ISRAEL



hen he chased Napoleon out of Russia, Mikhail Ilarionovich Kutuzov was already 67, and a mere several months away from his death by natural causes. Field Marshal Montgomery still actively commanded troops when he turned 70. And a trigger-happy Douglas MacArthur might have soldiered on as an octogenarian had his fatefully insubordinate demand to invade communist China not been made at the tender age of 71.

In the always unconventional IDF - whose victories of 1967, '57 and '48 were led by generals Rabin, Dayan and Yadin at the youthful ages of 45, 41 and 32 respectively - such phenomena are unthinkable.

All this of course would have been perfectly fine if it weren't for the second-career problem our military leaders face once they hang up their uniforms, shorn of a clear professional identity.

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Of the 14 major generals who commanded the IDF before the present Chief of Staff Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, only one, archeologist Yigael Yadin, embarked on a second professional career. The rest - from Ya'acov Dori and Haim Laskov to Moshe Levy and Dan Shomron - preferred to overcome the anxiety, suspense and sense of burden accumulated over decades of shouldering supreme responsibility, by dipping their toes in the shallow waters of assnrted public-sector jobs - yet to see anything in Barak's pro-

A VIEW FROM NOV

everything from Technion president and Zim CEO to Trans-Israel Highway Co. managing director and minister of labor. Some of them – notably Mordechai Maklef at the Dead Sea Works - actually became economic success stories. Capitalists, however, they were not.

And so, in the winter of '95, when a 53-year-old Ehud Barak joined neither a political party nor state-owned company and instead joined a private investment firm, his move seemed for a minment to symbolize a big change in the national psyche. Back then, in the heady days of Oslo, Casablanca and the New Middle East, Barak's ostensibly mercantilist move seemed to epitomize the zeitgeist: To hell with politics, let's all make money, and do it the hard way - not through a government cushion or a generous benefactor, but by braving the markets bare-cbested.

Not that anyone expected the old General Staff Reconnaissance Unit warrior to don a wig – à la his famous role in the "Youthful Spring" raid on Lebanon back in the '70s - and assault the New York Stock Exchange floor in pursuit of some hostile takeover. But the public had reason to expect a reasonably durable run following his much-heralded move into the private sector. But that gig lasted hardly half a year and Barak, like sn many of his predecessors, accepted a state job, in his case minister of the interior.

Evidently, life away from the top was unbearable.

None of this would bave been bad bad Barak actually had a gospei of some sort for this trou-bled society. Unfortunately, however, as social, economic and regional events unfold, we have

Entehbe crisis. The public, which voted Begin into office 10 months later, certainly didn't hold that galgram we haven't seen before. Take, for instance, his support this week of Na'amat chairwoman Ofra Friedman in her clash with Histadrut chairman Amir Peretz lantry against the Likud leader. On the cultural front, too, Barak shows no vision, depth or originalover whether or not to impose a ity that would set him apart from

Likud's famously, warm bosom.

signing the Hebron Agreement,

Yitzhak Shamir and Shimon Peres

For better or for worse, on the

issue of territorial compromise,

Israel long ago crossed the

whether" stage and arrived at its

"how" successor. The role of ide-

ology in this regard has clearly

diminished. So wby does Ehud

Barak, who one may doubt ever

had much of an ideology to begin

with, insist on accentuating the

differences between himself and

Apparently, it's that second-career thing. "I," (he probably tells

himself every morning,) "was yes-

Barak's second career

strike on Na'amar's kindergartens. Fairly enough Barak opposes Friedman's ouster from the Histadrut's leadership since she was democratically elected (which, hy the way, is more than can be said of Peretz, who was Judaic ignorance, they certainly won't win him religious votes, and merely selected, following Haim Ramon's resignation.) But why didn't Barak simply they won't lure prospective coali-

dissociate bimself from the Histadrut's glaringly tendentious goal of bringing the economy to a standstill, just because the govern-ment is seeking to break monopolies, sell assets and avoid unaffordable pension arrangements? Because for Barak such a move would mean agreeing on some-thing with Binyamin Netanyahu? Similarly, Barak has so far had nothing to say ~ good, bad, any-thing - about the sale this month

of Bank Hapoalim. At stake, let's remember, was the sale of the largest business entity in this country, and the biggest-ever privatization deal in Israeli history, which, incidentally was concluded at a price 10 percent higher than market value. The least we could expect therefore from the man who so recently toyed with a capitalist's pro-business image would be to have an opinion and share it with us.

Apparently, the new Labor leader appreciates this development, but prefers not to give the prime minister a compliment, even when he clearly deserves one. Barak would do well to remember Menachem Begin's unabashed "Well done, Mr. Prime Minister" speecb following Yitzhak Rabin's bandling of the

terday No. 1 in the army, am today No. 1 in the party, and will tomor-row be No. 1 in the country. This is the beginning, the middle and the end of what I and my agenda are all about."

are all about. But alas, while Ehud may have his needs, the country needs a unity government, and badly so, lest it arrive politically exhausted and militarily demoralized at fate-fut merchisticans — or clashes — with his Labor predecessors and Likud opponents. His occasional forays into this or that rebbe's court are spiritually, electorally and politi-cally meaningless; such sojourns fut negotiations - or clashes - with Assad and/or Arafat. won't eradicate his kibbutznik's

Beyond this, Barak should real-ize that after 30 years of endless arguments over the details of concessions for peace, Israelis are tion partners away from the sick of the debate.

At the end of the day the public Finally, on the peace process, one is at a loss to see what distinwill buy any formula that generates stability and security. Period, guishes bim from Netanyahu. On The politics of the future will the one hand, it is no secret that revolve around entirely different Barak - like most Middle Israelis issues, whether religious, cultural, was deeply skeptical of the Oslo social or economic. And on those Accords' feasibility. Netanyahu, questions he and the rest of meanwhile, has crossed Likud's Middle Israel are just about where dogmatic Rubicon, first by meeting with Yasser Arafat, then by Netanyahu is.

The Third Way understands this reality, Shas is bracing for it, and and finally by endorsing a plan for territorial compromise in the West Yisrael Ba'aliya embodies it, but Barak still lives in an era dominated by bickering over who bas In other words, the gap between Netanyahu and Barak is no longer drawn a better map for the next the abyss which stood between negotiations.

Israeli leaders' most important crisis-management achievements - the Six Day War and the 1985

economic stabilization plan came under unity governments. Conversely, the tragically failed Lebanon War and Oslo Accords, which alienated half the country, were engineered and introduced by narrowly based cabinets.

Judging by the successes of the 1967 and 1985 unity governments, our leaders need brains as big as Levi Eshkol's and egos as small as Yitzhak Shamir's. Barak, for now, seems to be endowed with neither. Shame.

Dry Bones







Nitzavim/Vaydech

By SHLOWO RISKIN

"You are standing this day all of you before the Lord your God; your heads, your tribes, your elders, and your officers, even all the men of Israel." (Deut. 29:9)

quotes the Midrash Tanhuma, which explains the connection between the grim warnings in and this week's opening words. pessimism with regard to our inter-Our Sages teach: Since the future. Israelites heard 100 curses less two in addition to the 49 in the

This certainly sounds like a

decent consolation. But Rabbi

Yedidya Frankel, former chief

rabbi of Tel Aviv, asks three sig-

First, why did it take the sec-

ond set of chastisements to cause

the Israelites to "turn green"?

The first set should bave been

Furthermore, the Jewish peo-

ple seem to be recoiling at the

massive number of curses -49

from Leviticus plus another 9g

from Denteronomy. But last

week's portion goes out of its way to point out that the specific

number is bardly relevant in the

face of the final blow: "Also

every sickness and every blow,

will bring about against you until He destroys you" (Deut. 28:61).

So why does the number seem to

Finally, asks Rabbi Frankel,

wby does the Midrash not use

parallel language? If, with refer-

ence to Deuteronomy, the Sages

speak of "100 less two" curses

(apparently being interested in a

round number), why with refer-

ence to the curses in Leviticus do

Rabbi Frankel answers all

three question by suggesting another interpretation of '100

If we go back to the initial set of chastiscatcuts in Leviticus (in

Behukotai), we discover that

after the curses and warnings,

the Torah includes two comfort-

ing promises: . Then I will remember My covenant with

Jacob, and also My covenant

with Isaac, and also My

covenant with Abraham will I

remember, and I will remember the land." (Lev. 26:42) Two vers-

es later: "And even this, when

they are in the land of their ene-

mies, I will not reject them, and

I will not abhor them, to destroy

they not say "50 less one"?

less two."

frighten the Israelites?

nificant questions.

enough.

them utterly in order to milify My covenant with them What prompted the Israelites to turn green was that when they heard the 100 additional curses, they were without these two guarantees. If the chastisements of Leviticus hint at the destruction of the First Temple and its subsequent exile, and the chastisements of Deuteronomy hint at the destruction of the Second Temple and its subsequent exile, the Israelites feared lest there might not be a return and redemption after the second destruction.

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To this end, Moses comforts them: "Atem nitzavim hayom" -You are standing here, aren't you, despite the Egyptian exile and enslavement, despite your miserable backsliding? You are

NitzavimiVayelech opens, the people of an eternal with the second of the people of an eternal this day all of you before the holds true. Lord your God ... Commenting Undoubtedly, an American on this verse (29:9), Rashi intermarriage rate of 52%, with

European intermarriages at 75% (and 90% of the children of such intermarriages no longer identifying as

16 of Osln 2. This reads: "Both sides undertake to strengthen understanding and tolerance, to prevent incitement and hostile propaganda...

In this they are religiously implementing the principle described by Aldous Huxley, "The propagandist's purpose is to make one set of people forget that cer-tain other sets of people are human" (cited in The International Thesaurus of Quotations). And they do so in the manner described and perfected by Adolf Hitter and his chief propagandist, Josef Goebbels: "The

terrorist On, All

Of lies and conspiracies Ikrama Sabri, Yasser Arafat's He goes nu to say: "Only

the Likud?

Bank.

a decade ago.

hand-picked mufti. Sabri's style recalls that of Arafat's cousin, Nazi-collaborator Amin al-Husseini, who was high commissioner Herbert Samuel's handpicked mufti 75 years earlier.

On September 12, immediately following US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's 10-minute address to Arab schoolchildren in Ramallah, translated into Arabic, the Palestinian Authority's official Voice of Palestine radio saw fit to transmit the following excretion by Sabri:

"...America is the chief of the

democracy can neutralize couspiratorial approaches and ensure ...

rational thinking...." One wonders - in light of a series of American conspiracy theories, from the one concerning the Rosewall, New Mexico, alleged landing of space creatures half a century ago, through the FBI's alleged assassination of John F. Kennedy, through the Kennedys' alleged assassination of Marilyn Monroe, Howard Hughes's alleged Watergate plot to unseat Richard Nixnu, the alleged cover-

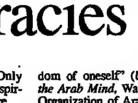
up of the US Navy's alleged ng down flight over Long Island, the royal family's alleged murder of Princess Diana and her Dodi to prevent her from marrying an Arab, to, last but not least, the alleged Labor Party scheme to have Yigal Amir fire blank bullets at Yitzhak Rabin in order to implicate Israel's national-religious right wing the way the Nazis implicated Germany's left wing with the Reichstag fire 65 years Be that as it may, other Arab

dom of oneself? (Understanding the Arab Mind, Washington, DC, Organization of Arab Students in the US, 1953).

But we Israeli Jews, too, bave developed the babit of fingerpointing, from which we ought to wean ourselves, quickly.

(Thanks to Dr. Joseph Lerner of Jerusalem for the Al-Ahram Weekly article.)

IN THE spirit of Ikrama Sabri and Amin al-Husseini, the PA's official organ, Al-Hayat al-Jedida, saw fit to greet Albright on September 10 with a "historical analysis" by one abil Salam whi



mteriocutors have, larger wim our tacit consent, ignored those provisions of the Oslo Accurds their fulfillment of which would have indicated that they are engaged in a serious quest for peace. Most flagrantly, perhaps, they actively, repeatedly, every day, continue to violate Paragraph

By MOSHE KOHN

Two years ago this Snnday, nn September 28, 1995, prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO chief Yasser

Arafat ceremoniously signed the

Oslo 2 accord at the White House.

So far, Israel's Arafatocratic

great II iu more easily fall victim to a big lie than America, ber agents and her allies! Cast them into their own traps and to a small one" (Hitler, Mein paint the White House black Kampf).

Among the most vicious of the [T]he purpose of [Albright's] visit is to support the Israeli position Arab disseminators of antisemitic, anti-Israeli and anti-West venom Oh, Allah, destroy America, her are some of the Arab prelates. One of the most notorious of these is

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agents and her allies! Allah, raise the flag of Islam over the Aksa Mosque, Jerusalem Palestine.

In an earlier excretion this chief prelate of our nstensible peace partner had prayed for the world to hear: "Oh, Allah, destroy America, for she is ruled by Zionist Jews ... The Moslems say to Britain, to France and to all the infidel nations that Jerusalem is Arab The only relevant party is the Islamic natinn, which will not allow the infidel nations to interfere Allah shall take revenge on behalf nf the Prophet against the colonialist settlers who are sons of monkeys and pigs' Earlier yet Sabri had vowed:

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"Despite all the conspiracies, Jerusalem and Palestine from the [Jordan] River to the [Mediterranean] Sea will remain Islamic until Judgment Day " Speaking of conspiracies: There is a tendency in the Arab world th explain unfavorable bistorical events in terms of conspiracies." Thus asserts Mohammed Sid-Anmed in the September 4-10 issue of the Cairo-basen, Englishlanguage, semi-official Al-Ahram

scholars have also testified to the Arab penchant for not taking responsibility.

Sociologist Prof. Sania Hamady wrote: "As a result of his determinist orientation, the Arab finds a good excuse to relegate bis responsibility to external forces. He attributes the ills of his society, his mistakes and failures, either to fate, to the devil, nr to imperial-

(Character ism* and Temperament of the Arabs, N.Y., Twayne, 1960).

Dr. Fayez Sayegh, a leading anti-Israel propagandist in the US during the middle decades of our century, wrote: "The Arab is reluctant to assume responsibility for his personal or national misfortunes, and he is inclined to put the entire blame upon the shoulders of others. The Arab is fascinated with criticism - of the foreigner, of fellow countrymen, of leaders, of followers, always of 'the others,' sel-

that "There is no difference

between Hitler and Ben-Gurion. Salam leads up to this with an assertion about "the shared roots of Nazi and Zionist thought Book of Leviticus (Chapter 26), [which] explains the cooperation their faces turned green and they between the Jews and the Nazis didn't understand how they during Worlo War IJ ... would be able to stand up to so

Many of us will recall, and othmany chastisementsi Moses thus began to comfort them: "You are ers can find in newspapers of that period and in the history books, standing here today. You bave details about active collaboration greatly angered the Almighty between Husseini and other (you constantly complained in the desert, you worshiped the golden calf, you refused to con-Moslem and Arab leaders, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, quer Israel) - but nevertheless Nazi Germany and fascist Italy and their collaborators. you have not been destroyed."

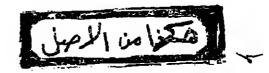
Three days before the recent Ben-Yehuda mall massacre, Al-Hayat al-Jedida treated its readers to the following X Files history spouted by "Islamic author" Safi Naz Kassam:

There is no people or land named Israel/ Israel is our patriarch Yacoub We are the children of Israel.... These people [the Jews] are the children of the Zionist entity, ... of the colonialist entity, ... These Zionists are not fit to establish a nation or to have their own language or even their own religion. They are nothing more than a hodgepodge."

With these people we are to cre-ate a "New Middle East"?!

and every plague, which is not written in this book of law, God E-mail *compients* to: moshe@jpost.co.il. Please include home address.





And the array of people threatening our destruction in Israel, coupled with the raucous internal strife so characteristic of Israeli politics, cause columnist after columnist to present Cassandra-like visions of an approaching Armageddou.

Certainly a drastic re-ordering of priorities is called for, and a ! new leadership must be developed.

But I, for one, am not so pessimistic. Despite Israel's many problems, the most optimistic soldier in the 1948 War of Independence, to say nothing of an inmate at Anschwitz, could never bave imagined the magnificent accomplishments of the State of Israel - in size, population growth, economy, education. Torah study and social cohesion.

Moreover, in my travels -around the world, I find a genuine bunger for Jewisb values, tradition and learning. And many of the most bungry are often the children of totally assimilated parents and even mixed marriages. Wherever someone has something genuine to say, young Jews are listening.

Of ante, for collective tragedy is that even after the Holocaust, the total number of Jews in the world continues to decline.

Yet I believe that those who choose to remain Jewish are all the more committed. And this minority of serious Jews Is what Indaism bas always been about! If Josephus is correct that at the 55time of the destruction of the Second Temple there were five million Jews, then the natural birthrate sbnuld have easily brought us to at least 100 million by today. Where are the rest? We wist conclude that throughout our history, we have lost many more Jews to the pre-"ailing trinds it is 'o life sword. This it fundation. Wheever is a low today is the

product of the survival of the most committed. Mosas may well be speaking to us today, after the Holocaust, in the midst of secular assimilation, and after several wars fought on the very soil of Israel: "You are standing here today, all of you, before the Lord your God"

Take heartl You are indeed the eternal people of the covenant!

Shabbat Shalom

FEATURES

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Fears of brutality to come

Amid the controversy over the IDF's presence in Lebanon, Larry Derfner ponders one problem: How to prevent Israel's South Lebanese Army allies and their families from being massacred if the army withdraws

bout 3,000 SLA soldiers live with their families in villages A in the security zone in south Lebanon and in the Jezzine enclave just north of the zone. Most of the soldiers' countrymen, especially Hizbullah, regard them as collaborators.

Since Israel established the zone in 1985, some 400 SLA militiamen have been killed in the fighting -roughly twice the number of Israeli soldiers killed.

Dr. Eyal Zisser, one of Israel's leading authorities on Lebanon and Syria, believes the SLA's safety could be ensured in a formal, agreed-upon IDF withdrawal.

Zisser thinks that no more than 100 or so SLA officers and their families - those who are seen as identifying politically with Israel would have to be relocated here, or possibly in France. (The family of Gen. Antoine Lahad, leader of the SILA, lives in France today.) The others are essentially mercenaries in Israel's pay, whose past association would be forgotten.

"In Lebanon it is considered acceptable to switch sides according to the way the wind is blowing."

say's Zisser, a senior researcher at Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies. (He notes the example of Elie Hobeika, who during the Lebanon War was a Christian Phalangist leader, key per-perator of the Sabra and Shatilla massacre, and bitter enemy of Syria. Today Hobeika is the senior representative of Syria's interests in the Lebanese Parliament.)

A senior defense official, however, is less sanguine about the SLA's prospects in the event of an Israeli pullout. The official, insisting on anonymity, says the safety of the SLA is one of Israel's key conditions for a peace treaty, but adds that even if such a condition were agreed to, "I couldn't give [the SLA] a bank guarantee that nothing would happen to them."

He says each of the soldiers has 10 or so family dependents, making it simply not feasible to resettle them all in Israel. (Thousands of SLA family members living in the securily zone commute to work daily in northern Israeli factories, crossing through the "Good Fence" at Metulla. This is part of the SLA's deal with Israel, explains Zisser.)



SLA leader Antoine Lahad emphasizes a point to a smiling Yitzhak Mordechai as an unidentified (Defense Ministry) **DF** colonel looks on.

Furthermore, the soldiers have no connection with France, and France has never offered them sanctuary, the defense official notes.

Labor MK Gen. (res.) Ori Orr, who was in charge of Northem Command from 1983 to 1986, says the danger is not restricted 10 the SLA.

"There are whole villages with mainly Christian residents, but also Shi'ites and Druse, who have been our allies for 20 years. We're talking about thousands of people." Orr says, who would face massacre unless the Lebanese and Syrian authorities agreed to guarantee their safety

After a peace treaty. Or expects that the villagers and SLA militiamen would be safe at home, and would not have to be relocated. But if israel unilaterally withdraws from the zone, he adds, they will be help-

Over half of the SLA fighters are Maronite Christian, with the rest Shi'ite Moslems and Druse, The commanders are overwhelmingly Christian.

Typical of their surroundings, the militia is rife with corruption and brutality, explains Zisser. They're not righteous men, they're Lebanese."

IDF officials in the zone try to restrain the SLA's abuses. Zisser ays Yet El-Khiam, an SLA-run prison for prisoners of war in the security zone, is cited by Amnesty International as a habitual abuser of prisoner's rights. Amnesty places the ultimate responsibility for the prison on the SLA's overseer, Israel, Yet even if the IDF stays in the

security zone, Zisser maintains the future of the SLA is still a source of anxiety for Israel. Within another five years or so, the IDF will have to keep additional Israeli soldiers in the security zone to take the militiamen's place, because the SLA will likely have disintegrated by then.

Attrition has always been a probiem for the militia, but especially so in recent years. Between the institu-

GRAPEVINE

By GREER EN CAMPAN

Whoops! Wrong bank

onventional wisdom says that what you learn in your formative years is what stays with you for the rest of your life. Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo, who was raised in a Revisionist household, grew up singing about the two banks of the Jordan. That may explain his repeated slips when talking to members of the Council for a Beautiful Israel about plans to repurify the Yarkon river and rid it of pollutants. Try as he did 10 ge1 it right, Milo kep1 referring to the Jordan.

ONE OF several speakers at the inauguration of a CBI exhibit, The Yarkon River – A National Asset, Milo followed Environment Minister Rafael Eitan. After goofing the first time over the river's name, Milo explained the political philosophy according to which he had been educated. "Now we're left with two banks of the Yarkon." he said, to which Eitan retorted: "We've barely got that."

THE WAY to a man's heart may well be through his stomach, but the way to a woman's heart is through her fortune teller. Knowing this, Michal and Assi Aviv. proprietors of Picasso restaurants, catering and services, provided both at the launch of their new season's menus at their Herzliya Pituah banquet balls. Black-garbed hostesses wearing high, pointed witches' hats ushered guests into the hall. The men made beeline for the well-laden buffet. while women lined up in front of

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ous visit seven years ago, said that coffee houses and cafes are part of the social life of every country. For Reuma Weizman who, together with her husband President Ezer Weizman accompanied Havel through the mall, it was a second visit since the recent bomb explosion.

MONEY always helps make weddings a little more memorable and when money is no object, the memory lingers as much in the minds of the guests as in the minds of the bride and groom. When Rebecca Gutman and David Bourk got married at the Princess Hotel in Eilat this week, 300 guests were flown in from Germany and food and drink flowed in abundance. The fireworks alone, let off at the end of the ceremony, cost \$2,500; the flowers, \$1,700. Yet both items were among the lesser budgetary considerations in the million-dollar affair. To top it all off, the bride is a genuine beauty, with the face and figure of a model, while the groom bears a distinct resemblance to film star Bruce Willis. The hotel is currently preparing for a similar extravaganza next week, except that this time the guests are being flown in from France. Among the European social set, a luxury oasis in a desert setting is apparently the in thing.

SPARKS should fly tomorrow morning at Yad Lebanim in Herzliya, when radio and televinewsman Moshe sion Nestelbaum interviews business entrepreneur Galia Albin and Likud MK Ruby Rivlin, Albin,

who will be questioned on the relationship between politics and business, initiated and bankrolled a failed campaign to have Dan Meridor nominated. and elected as prime minis-ter. She will doubt no have a few caustic things to say about the present

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uonalization of the Lebanese Army, the rising power of Hizbullah and the growth of the country's economy, the men of Miarjayoun, Kleia and other villages in the security zone now have easier. safer ways to make a living than being mercenaries for Israel

"They have heads on their shoulders, and they're asking themselves if what they're doing is still worth it," Zisser says. The militiamen assume that Israel - which arms, trains and pays them - will be leaving Lebanon one day.

They know that their future is with Lebanon, not with Israel, and what they want is to be able to return to their homes in peace," Zisser continues.

Here again, the Israeli defense official disagrees. Attrition from the SLA has always gone "up and down" and is no more worrisome now than before, he insists. The militia remains a viable fighting force "capable of dealing with the present contingencies," he insists. Orr agrees. "The SLA has been through tougher times than this one, and while there are some desertions, the numbers have always been insignificant. The SLA will continue to exist as long as the IDF is there to back it up," he says.

And what happens if the IDF just pulls out? No one has the answer to that question.

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and healing in Galilee: If you in London. don't like taking medication and suffer from headaches and sinus complaints, place an amethyst on your "third eye." The problem should clear up

quickly. FACES of Israeli female models on the covers of international fashion magazines and as promoters for a variety of luxury products have become par for the course. But male models are also making their mark. Suave-looking Yaron Fink hit the big time in France and Italy several years ago. More recently Rene Bauman attracted attention in New York. Now it's the turn of 25-year-old model and local TV soap-opera star Liron Levo, who has been commissioned to model for the catalog of DRN London. Levo's macho image will be enhanced abroad by the inclusion in his CV that he served with

an elite military unit in the IDF. POMP and ceremony is usually carried out on a red carpet, but Ronit and Mickey Mor and Patrick Malek, proprietors of Premier, the Israel representative for Guy Laroche, Nina Ricci, Cerruti 1881, Chloe and Christian Dior, opted for royal blue - the dominant color in the decor of their exclusive north Tel Aviv store. This week, to celebrate receipt of a limited edition of the Guy Laroche winter collection designed by Shenkar College graduate and new star in the Paris fashion galaxy Albert Elbaz. they rolled out the blue carpet on Dizengoff Street and showed off the garments. Invited guests dined on caviar and smoked salmon and quaffed champagne while they watched. Latecomers didn't miss out. The show was repeated at 20-

minute intervals. Inside, anyone who wanted to see more of the collection could watch a CNN video which featured Elbaz himself. CZECH mate. Since the Czechs were among Israel's best friends during the War of Independence and continued to conperate on unofficial levels after diplomatic ties were severed in 1967, it was

not surprising that Czech President Vaclay Havel should stroll along Jerusalem's Ben-Yehuda Mall during his visit here. Declaring that he was not afraid to come to Israel Havel, who bsd familiarized himself with the mall during his previ-

he weren't a Liron Levo is making it big as a model lawyer and a politician would made

an admirable comedian, will answer questions about the regression in the pcace process. Since both Albin and Rivlin are inclined to go off on their own tangents, the audience at the event, sponsored by the Herzliya Municipality's Cultural Depart-ment, is bound to come away both entertained and informed.

UNDER construction for well over a year and a half, the renovated official residence of the prime minister is almost ready for occupancy. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and his family are expected to move in early in the new year, if not in time for Rosh Hashana itself. The prime minister inspected the premises earlier this month, giving residents of Balfour and Smolenskin streets a sense of the beefed-up security they can anticipate in the near future. The word going around the construction workers' grapevine is that the project would have been completed months ago, but for the fact that Sara Netanyahu keeps changing her mind about what she wants.

HOW MANY times can you play a role without getting tired of it? Haim Topol has given 1,800 performances as Tevye in Fiddler on the Roof - and is still not bored with the part. He will star in a new updated million-dollar-plus version of the internationally acclaimed production, which will be staged in both Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, starting December 21. Rivka Raz will co-star as Golda.

NO PLAN is perfect. No matter how many contingencies one takes into account, there's always the chance that the best-laid plans will go astray.... A case in point was producer Steven Spielberg, who missed the Los Angeles premiere of The Peucemaker, starting George Clooney and Kate Capshaw. Instead of sitting in a movie theater watching the first feature film by his Dreamworks SKG production company, Spielberg was being examined at the Cedars of Lebanon hospital. The reason: The Lincoln in which he and his wife, Kate Capshaw, were being driven to the premiere, collided with a Toyota. Spielberg was lightly injured and released the same day, but not in time to make the premiere.

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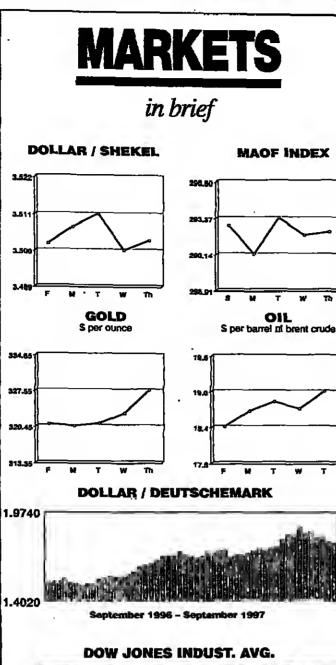
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Mitsubishi president visits Technion

Mitsubishi International president N. Okada, visited the Technion's scientific incubators this week to study them and look for possible targets for investment. He and two senior Mitsubishi officials from Europe and one from its local branch met with representatives of Surtech (which deals with surfaces treated by lasers to prevent wear) and SVIS (for computer communications coding). They went on to two start-up firms which begun as incubators, Tadin in Migdal Ha'emek and Nanomotion in Yokne'am. Okada said his company wants to invest in local firms that can market products to the Japanese market. Judy Siegel

Arison: We won't fire Hapoalim workers

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Ted Arison, who heads the group which earlier this month won the tender for the purchase of Bank Hapoalim, said yesterday he does not intend to dismiss any of the bank's workers.

He also said he hopes to get the Knesset's approval for the deal in the next few days. The Finance Committee twice

this week failed to approve the sale, claiming that the agreement does oot adequately protect work-ers' rights. Committee chairman Avraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism) is attempting to resolve the differences between MKs and MI Holdings - the company in charge of selling government bank holdings - before the committee reconvenes on Monday.

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Arison, the founder of the Miami-based cruise ship operator Carnival Corp., rejected workers' demands for further assurances.

We signed the contract after very long negotiations," he said. "It's not fair to come now, after the agreement was signed, and we committed ourselves to fulfill all of the workers' demands. We don't like doing business in such a way.

Arison added that during the last few years he purchased 10 companies for \$4 billion to \$5b. and no workers were fired.

"I don't believe in buying a factory, destroying it and then putting it together again," be said. "The



Ravitz: Seeking a compro-Arison: Makes a promise to mise.

best workers in the banking sector are in Bank Hapoalim."

The Arison group purchased a 43% share in the bank for NIS 4.8b. Arison stated that the group plans to exercise its option to acquire an additional 21.5% at the same price per share within 18 months

workers.

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The businessman said that he will try to expand the international activity of the bank, especially in the fields of services and counseling. "The bank's branches abroad are

linked to Diaspora Jewry and are not active in other fields of international banking, such as futures and foreign exchange." Arison, who returned to Israel after living abroad for almost 40 years, said that the Israeli econo-

my is in excellent shape.

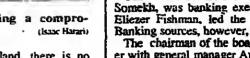
anced and good as the Israeli one," he said. For several of Arison's

American partners, the Hapoalim deal was their first investment in Israel, but they say they are inter-ested in making additional investments.

They fell in love with me country and now I have the backing of tens and hundreds of billions of dollars for further investments in Israel." he said.

Arison partners include the Dankner family: Len Abramson, the founder of US Healthcare Inc.; veteran Wall Street financier Michael Steinhardt, Charles Shusterman and Hyperion Capital Management, Last week, Arison Investments,

(Isaac Harari) "Besides England, there is no economy in Europe that is as bal-



nominated as chairman of the board of directors of Bank Hapoalini, sources in the company said yesterday. Sontekh, one of the senior partners in Israel's second-largest accounting firm, Somekh-Chaikin, refused to comment. He was also not willing to speak about the possible merger with accounting firm

Somekh declines to head bank

Accountant Gad Somekh has decided not to accept the offer to be

Kesselman & Kesselman following the planned joining of international accounting giants Coopers & Lybrand and Price Waterhouse. The Arison Group, which purchased controlling stake in the bank carlier this month said it was looking for a candidate to replace. Emanuel Sharon.

One of the names mentioned by the press for the job, besides Somekh, was banking executive Jeffrey Keil, who, together with Eliezer Fishman, led the group that lost the bid for the bank. Banking sources, however, dismissed this rumor.

The chairman of the board of directors will have to work together with general manager Amiram Sivan, who will continue to work at the bank.

Ted Arison, said yesterday that Sivan is the best banker in Israel and one of the best in the world, "We will offer him enough money to stay with us until he decides to retire," he said.

Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Len Abramson and Prof. Benad Goldwasser announced the establishment of an investment company with \$20 million in capital, designed for the biotechnology, medical devices and pharmaceutical sector.

In addition, the Arison fund intends to lead another group that will invest \$70m. in high-tech companies. European investors, especially from Germany, are also interested in joining the group and investing in Israel, he added Arison, who suffered from can-

cer, denied rumors that he is very ill, saying: "I have just recovered, from the disease that lasted forfive months and my doctors. promised that it won't come back.' He added that he expects that the:

beneficiaries of his will won't fight over the control of his business

"We will not go through something similar to what happened in the Eisenberg family because I'm giving my heirs all I have got in cash while I am still alive," he. said



Locals help hotels offset decline in foreign visitors

By HAM SHAPIRO

Israelis accounted for almost two-thirds of those staying in local hotels this summer, the Central Burean of Statistics announced yesterday.

The figures reflect a continuing drop in the number of tourists coming from abroad and at the same time an increase in internal

Frenkel meets Indonesian counterpart

Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel yesterday met his counterpart from Indonesia, Soedradjad Djiwandono, to discuss the financial crisis in Thailand and its implications in Asia. Before returning from the annual International Monetary Fund/World Bank gathering in Hong Kong, Frenkel also held talks with David Harris Russian Finance Minister Anatoly Chubais.



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tourism. According to Avi Rosental, director of the Hotel Association,

the drop in tourism from abroad was a direct result of political instability and terror.

"The geo-political situation in Israel hits hardest in the area of tourism," Rosental said.

If there were quiet and stability in the region, he was sure it would be positively reflected in the number of tourists coming to Israel, especially for the state's anniversary. 50th Yom Ha'atzmaut falls on April 30. but there are celebrations planned

throughout the year. The CBS said that there were a total of 3.6 million bed-nights during July and August, with an average occupancy rate of 70 percent, compared to 71% for last summer and 75% for the summer of 1995.

This year, the bureao said, Israelis accounted for 64% of all bed nights, in July and August of last year they were 62%. During the same period two years ago the Israelis constituted between 54% and 55%.

During the first eight months of the year, the same factors - a decline in stays by foreign tourists and increase in the number of local tourists - resulted in a slight decline of one percent in the number of bed-nights compared to the same period last year. The bureau noted that the trends were unstable during the summer, with a slight increase in

the number of tourists from abroad during July and a drop in their number during August, following the Mahaneb Yehuda bombing.

In recent months, El Al has been reporting that more than 50% of its passengers have been Israelis, many of them vacationing abroad abroad.

As for the coming bolidays, the Hotel Association said that it expected high occupancy rates throughout the country, primarily because of Israelis staying at local botels.



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Mongolian students protest

Over 1,000 Mongolian University students demonstrate yesterday in the streets of the capital, Ulan Bator. The students were protesting against increased university fees and demanding the government take action for more progressive policies in educational institutions.

Battle launched for control of Yediot shares

Globes Business News

"Perhaps now Yedios Aharonos will be run like a newspaper with a businesslike approach, and not through wars," lawyers representing the parties in the dispute between Yediot Aharonot's share-

holders said yesterday. They were speaking in the wake of the purchase of Ze'ev Mozes's shares by Eliezer Fishman and Haim Bar-On. Fishman and Bar-On acquired 12.5% of the group's shares, and made an offer to purchase another 12.3% held by Ze'ev Mozes.

- Amon Mozes, Oded Mozes. Tami Mozes-Borowitz, Judy Nir-Mozes, Miriam Nofech-Mozes. and the Yudkovsky family - have first right of refusal on the remaining shares.

Some of the shareholders are considering exercising their right. and offering to purchase these shares. It is further reported that the sharebolders have recently received, through their lawyers, offers to purchase their shares in the group, but have refused them. It is not clear what the consequences of the deal will be for the

The other shareholders in Yedio1 structure of the board of directors. A court judgement handed down a few months ago in the dispute -between Yediot's shareholders determined that the board should be expanded in such a way that all the shareholders are represented. A source close to Arnon Mozes

-As far as Amon Mozes is con-

cerned, it is clear that the pur-

chasers will want hint to run the

newspaper," the source added. He reckoned that the purchasers will have no difficulty in obtaining representation on the board, as representatives of Zina (the company which held Zeev Mozes's shares).

The shareholders opposing said it had not yet been decided Amon Mozes are, it is reported. indeed content with the deal. They whether to appeal. He said that if the group opposing Amon Mozes is interested in the good of the believe that the entry of an external party will lead to the group newspaper, it should be pleased being run in a businesslike fashion

In recent years, its activity has been accompanied by fierce power struggles.

Japan's Nikko Securities raided in payoff scandal

with the deal.

By DONALD MACINTYRE and MARTIN FACKLER

Japanese prosecutors yesterday raided Nikko Securities and the homes of its president and chairman as a scandal over payoffs to a gangster widened to engulf all of the nation's four largest broker-Prosecutors raided Nikko's

Tokyo headquarters and least 10 other places for evidence the brokerage illegally funneled 14 million yen to Ryuichi Koike, 54, the admitted racketeer at the center of the scandal. Japan's third-largest brokerage

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issued a statement saying it's taking the raids "very seriously and with great regret."

Nikko's top executives are almost certain to resign en masse, as happened at Nomura Securities, Yamaichi Securities, and Daiwa Securities. A traditional act of penitence in Japan, prompi resignations could also soften penalties that the Ministry of Finance is sure

to impose. That will leave Nikko aod Japan's other top brokerages without their most experienced managers, as they prepare for the massive deregulation of Japan's financial markets, known as the "Big

Bang." Nikko can still bounce back if it moves quickly to bring in new blood and put the scandal behiod

it, analysts said.

The question is: "Do they use the opportunity to bring in better, more alert managers?"said Paul Heaton, a financial industry analyst at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell Capital Markets.

The brokerage will have 10 move swiftly to reassure investors spooked by the scale of the scandal. Kinki Nippon Railway, one of Japan's largest commuter lice operators, yesterday dropped Nomura, Daiwa, Nikko and Yamaichi from underwriting its bonds, citing the scandal.

It's the first time all four top Japanese brokers have been left out of a bond sale since a 1991 scandal. Since news of the latest scandal broke in March. Since then, the prosecutors have

raided all of Japan's Big Four brokerages as well as its fourthlargest bank, Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank, which lent Koike a quarter of a billion dollars without proper collateral.

So far, they've charged execu-tives at Dai-Ichi Kangyo and Nomura Securities, Japan's biggest brokerage.

More arrests and charges are expected, since Japan's prosecu-tors rarely carry out raids before they're sure they can build an airtight case.

It's the first time in six years all four brokerages have been entangled in the same scandal. In 1991 the four were caught reimbursing big customers for trading losses which wasn't illegal then but was contrary to a Ministry of Finance order. The favoritism also angered small investors.

The law was changed in the wake of that scandal, yet prosecutors contend that all four brokerages continued the practice. They suspect Nikko paid the 14 million yen to an acquaintance of Koike's to compensate the racketeer for trading losses, said an official af

the prosecutors office. While Nikko wouldn't say if its top executives will step down, res ignations have quickly followed raids at other brokerages.

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Elbit Systems dropped as it priced an offeriog of three million shares at 13. Elron Electronic Industries Ltd. dropped 0.9 pertd., up 1.5 percent to NIS 197.91, Clal Industries and Investments Ltd., up 1.75 percent to 18.77, and Discount Investment Corp., rising cent to 58.6. The high-tech hold-2 percent to 99.23. Losing ground were Bank Leumi, off 0.75 pering company said it received \$7 million from the Elbit Systems offering. The offering cut Elron's stake in Eblit Systems to 35%. cent to 5.52, telecommunications provider Bezeq Ltd., off 0.75 perent to 9.7. and defense cootractor

Europe

UK stocks slipped after building materials companies and pub owners warned about lower profits and US economic reports fanned concem American interest rates may rise to control growth and inflation. Redland Group Plc shares fell to their lowest level in more than oine years after the building materials company cautioned that the German bousebuilding market is declining. The warning dragged down Rediand's peers, including RMC Pic. The benchmark FT-SE 100 Index fell 11.7 points, or 0.23 percent, to 5065.5 after rising almost 1 percent Wednesday.

The FT-SE 250 Index of midsized companies fell 6.7 points, or 0.14 percent, to 4716.2. The FT-

Stocks mixed on peace process uncertainty STOCKS Maof 292.14 A 0.10% Dow Jones 7,848 ¥ 0.74% FTSE 5065 ¥ 0.23% Nikkei 18341.96 ¥ 0.42% SE Actuaries 350 Index slipped 5.2 points, or 0.21 percent, to 2435.5 after closing at a record

high 2438.6 Wednesday. There's a bit of weakness in the building sector because of the Redland warning," said Leonard Klahr, a fund manager at Capel-Cure Myers Capital Management, which has about 3 billion pounds (\$4.85 billion) invested in the UK equity market. "We remain relaxed, but one has to remain wary with trading statements like Redland's."

Rediand plunged to a net loss of 700,000 pounds as it took a onetime charge on disposals. The net loss compared with a profit of 49 million pounds a year earlier. Its shares fell 61.5 pence, or 22% to 220, up from a low of 218.5.

The FT-SE building materials

sub-index fell 46.6 points, or 2.6 percent, to 1733.1. RMC dropped 31.5p to 975. One week ago, RMC said it expects a decline in sales in Germany, its largest mar-ket. "The issue is that they're in the wrong place, with the wrong products," said Philip Isberwood, a strategist at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson in London, referring to building materials companies.

Asia

Japanese stocks fell after four days of gains, led by automakers like Toyota Motor Corp., amid concern the weak economy will

hinder profit growth. The Nikkei 225 stock average fell 78.12 points, or 0.42 percent, to 18,341.96, its biggest one-day drop since Sept. 17. The Topix index of all shares ou the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange fell 6.12 points, or 0.43 percent, to 1418.05.

There is a lack of direction at the moment," said Coen Kluyver, general manager of foreigner institutional sales at ING Baring Securities (Japan) Ltd. "The economy is extremely anemic, therefore profit growth is by and large minimal and people are worried about the interim-results season." Nomura Research Institute yes-

terday lowered its gross domestie

product forecast for the year to March to 0.3 percent from 1.3 percent., Daiwa Research Institute lowered its forecast to 0.5 percent from 1.1 percept for the same period. (Bloomberg) the same period.

Wall Street

Stocks pulled back again yester day as some inflation jitters spurred a tound of profit-taking on the bond market's recent rally,

pushing interest rates higher. On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 5g.70 points to 7,848.01 after surrendering an early 23-point gain. Broader stock indicators also

posted modest losses, pressured by a weak bond market, where interest rates rose after moving toward the lowest level in more than a year and a half on Tuesday. The Commerce Department reported that a record surge in demand for electrical equipment during August caused an unex-pected 2.7% jump in orders to factories that make durable goods.

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by a 10-to-9 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,372 up, 1,499 down, and 537 unchanged.

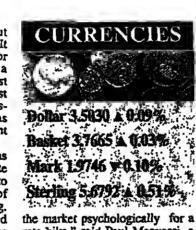
NYSE volume totaled 524.89 million shares as of 4 p.m., vs. 639.47 million in the previous session.

Dollar slips vs. mark on German rate concern

"People are worried about German rates pushing higher. It will be a nervous eod of week for the dollar," said Jeremy Stretch, a curreocy strategist at NatWest Markets. "You can read last ekend's [Group of Seven indus-alized oations] statement as ich as you like, you don't want buy yen here."

the dollar slipped as low as 645 marks from 1.7740 late dnesday. The dollar rose to 1.26 yeo from an earlier low of 9.89 yen in Asian trading. hieber's remarks followed indesbank Presideot Hans emeyer's pledge that the mark ill stay strong. The dollar erased its two-day

ins yesterday after it topped 80 marks Tuesday for the first ne in two weeks.



rate hike," said Paul Megyessi, a foreign exchange analyst at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell. "It could be that when it actually happens the dollar won't fall much as it will have been discounted."

"The Bundesbank is preparing German import prices in August

reversed sentiment that inflation was ile to allow a rate increase. cooling off after a series of benign consumer prices released this week. Import prices increased 0.9 percent in August from July and 5.4 percent from a year ago, as the 13 percent decline of the mark against the dollar since January increased the price of

Some Bundesbank officials called for market participants not to read too much into reports that gave a mild picture of inflationary pressures. They warned the central bank will remain vigilant to keep

inflation under wraps. The Bundesbank has kept its key money-market repurchase rate at an historic low of 3 percent for over a year.

Meantime, the dollar got a lift against the yen amid expectations the Japanese economy is too frag-

"Nobody wants any sharp moves in exchange rates, but it is difficult to see how to give a boost to the Japanese economy," said Joanne Perez, an economist at Merrill Lynch in Paris. "Moreover, fundamentals in the US are dollar positive."

Looking ahead, traders will get a fuller picture of how the economy is faring when the Bank of Japan releases the results of its survey of business sentiment next Wednesday. The quarterly survey polls managers of 10,000 companies, asking their views of business conditions and the economy. Economists polled by Bloomberg News forecast that survey's index for major the manufacturers will show confidence has fallen from the previous quarter's level. (Bloomberg)

Oil rises on perceptions of rising demand

higher buying than normal ahead COMMODITIES by the El Nino weather pattern, Cocoa for December delivery

A larger-than-expected rise in

imported goods.

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Precious metals Platinum and palladium prices fell yesterday. Palladium for immediate delivery fell \$2.50 to \$192 an ounce. Spot platinum fell Gold prices rose in inter-bank trading. Gold for immediate delivery rose \$1.30 to \$324.55 an



November Brent crude oil prices rose on the International Petroleum Exchange, lifted by perceptions that demand for crude oil could rise as cold weather prompts higher demand for heating fuels. Demand for heating oil in the Northeast, the biggest US market, could rise as lower-thanaverage temperatures provoke of the winter season. Tuesday, the American Petroleum Institute said that while inventories grew last week, so did demand. November Brent crude on the IPE rose 10 cents to trade at \$18.90 a barrel.

Others

White sugar futures slumped amid expectations of a record sugar crop from the European Union in 1997-98 and for falling demand from Middle Eastern consumers. Favorable weather cooditions for the European Union's beet crop during the past month have contributed to expectations that the current crop could be as large as 18.5 million tons, up from 17.9 million tons last year, said London-based sugar traders C. Czarnikow Ltd. White sugar for December

Gold \$326.65 A 3.40% Crude Oil \$19.99 A 0.29% CRB 242.07 A 0.09%

\$295.60 a metric too oo the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange. Robusta coffee futures rose amid continued concern that drought will damage next year's crop in Indonesia and as demand from European consumers increases. Next year's coffee crop from Indonesia, the world's thirdlargest coffee producer after Brazil and Colombia, could be delivery traded \$3.80 lower at reduced by as much as 30 percent

which is currently bringing drought to the region. Demand from coffee roasters normally rises in September ahead of the peak season for coffee consumption in the final quarter of the year, the Northern Hemisphere winter. November coffee traded \$14 higher at \$1,569 a metric ton on the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange.

Cocos rose amid persistent concern adverse weather conditions associated with El Nino may reduce next year's global crop. Á report from London-based consultants ED&F Man today confirmed such El Nino concerns, predicting the 1997-98 global cocoa crop could fall short of demand by more than 400,000 metric tons because of damage caused by El Nino. Under normal weather conditions, the deficit of production versus demand would be no more than 200,000 tons, Man said.

rose 11 presis to 1,143 pounds (\$1,858) a metric ton on the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange.

Copper prices were little changed amid rising stockpiles. The London Metal Exchange's global copper stockpile rose 1.2 percent, its 19th successive daily increase, amid rising smelter output and sagging Asian demand. Copper held in LME-registered warehouses rose by 3,675 metrie tons to 319,425 tons, its highest level for 18 months, according to the LME's daily warehouse report.

The stockpile, which has risen 162 percent since reaching a six-month low of 121,550 tons June 20, hasn't been larger since March 29, 1996. The benchmark three-month copper contract fell \$2.50 to \$2,104 a metric ton. . (Bloomberg)

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US bonds fall as economic reports show strength

BONDS

US bonds posted the biggest drop in five weeks after reports on durable goods orders and unemployment claims revived concern that the economy may be growing at a fast enough pace to speed inflation_

"I don't think the situation has changed; there is still strong growth in the US economy." said David Jallits, who helps manage \$5.5 billion in bonds for Strategic Fixed-Income in Arlington, Virginia.

The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond fell 19/32 point, or 55.94 per \$1,000 bond, to 100 6/32, driving its yield up 5 basis points to 6.36%. The two-year notes' yield rose 3 basis points to 5.79%. The Commerce Department said orders for big-ucket items rose 2.7% in August, more than the

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Meanwhile, at a meeting with reporters yesterday in New York, Levy would not reveal his strategy

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0.5% increase forecast by analysts surveyed by Bloomberg News. Separately, the government said initial claims for jobless benefits unexpectedly fell, a sign the jobs market is still strong. They're good numbers for the

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economy - obviously they are US 30 -yearT-bill yield going to be difficult for the bond market," said Robert Brusca, 6.36 4 0.5 economist at Nikko Securities Co. Faster growth is typically associ-

ated with inflation, which erodes of the year, though investors may the value of bonds' fixed returns. be reluctant about making bigger So far inflation hasn't accelerated. bets until after the next round of In the first eight months of the economic oews provides more year, prices rose at a 1.6% annual evidence of tame inflation. The firm is debating whether to take a pace, the slowest since 1986. more bullish stance, Jallits said. Even after 30-year yields rose yesterday, they've fallen 33 basis

points since September 11, as a string of reports showed inflation remains subdued, quelling concern the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates soon. Fed officials next meet on Tuesday, after leaving rates unchanged at meetings in May, July, and August. Expectations for steady Fed rates

are reflected in futures on three-month Eurodollars, or dollars on deposit outside the US. They are among the securities most sensitive to Fed rate expectations.

The implied yield on the December contract fell 11 basis points since in the past two weeks to 5.82%, leaving it 10 basis points above the current three-month borrowing rate between banks. That indicates that investors see less than a 50% chance the Fed will

raise rates by the time the contract expires in mid-December.

Yesterday's reports didn't alter that view. "Nothing has changed; the Fed is on hold," said Laura Koller, a trader at Aobrey G. Lanston & Co.

A report out of the Mortgage Bankers Association of America yesterday showed a jump in the number of refinancing applica-tions that lenders received last week, raising concern among some mortgage investors that their bonds could be redeemed earlier than expected.

That prompted some investors to switch to Treasuries from mortgages as bond prices slumped, making them more attractive to purchase now in case yields resume their decline. (Bloomberg)

CONDITION PA on short notice. The administration's proposal, which it wants attached to the foreign aid bill that is still to be merged by the two houses, seeks to meet Congress' demands for

tored only in six-month increments and reported to Congress. That requirement would remain in effect. MEPFA expired in August when the administration allowed to lapse because it could not certify PA compliance.

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The draft also calls on the PA to improve its record in the following areas: sharing intelligence and coordinating law enforcement with Israel; detecting and detering teriorist acts; seizing terror-ists' arms caches; arresting and prosecuting terrorist suspects; imprisoning those convicted of perpetrating terrorist acts; confis-cating illegal weapons; "resolving outstanding" Israeli requests for extradition of suspected terrorists; and completing revision of the Palestinian Covenant

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Secretary-General Kofi Annan discounted reports that Levy had snubbed Annan by failing to request a meeting with the secretary-general during the week-long opening session of the General Assembly.

Traditionally, foreign ministers meet with the secretary general on the day they address the assembly; Levy is to address the UN on Monday. The list of Annan's Monday courtesy calls is not yet prepared, the spokesman said,

for the meeting, now scheduled for Monday, with Albright and Palestinian negotiator Mahmond Michal Yudelman contributed to this report.

Jallits said that the good inflation news may push the yield on the 30-year bond to 6% by the end

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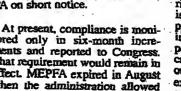
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The Jerusalem Post Friday, September 26, 1997

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Johansson outlines Seve looks for any edge in Ryder Cup vision for FIFA's future

ly re-invested in the game.

The vote will be taken by dele-

tanies of 49 of UEFA's 51-member

countries voted overwhelmingly in

That would mean that World Cup

qualifiers or qualifiers for regional

competitions like the European

Championship would be played on

The conference of National

A schedule will be drawn up in

moment the qualifying draw is

Although delegates agreed that new regulations for the release of

international players were needed,

they are to re-examine proposals

and see whether players should be

released by their clubs, for four or

five days before competitive

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quick decision," Generale Bank's marketing director Paul

Lembrechts told BRTN television.

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HELSINKI (Reuter) - UEFA president Lennart Johansson said of Europe, the only other candidate yesterday he would promote so far proposed is Julio Grondona democracy within soccer if he is elected president of FIFA next year. The 67-year-old Swede is widely candidatures by the deadline of regarded as favorite to succeed April 7, 1998. retiring president Joao Havelange when the 82-year-old Brazilian gates at the FIFA Congress shortly steps down after 24 years in charge before the start of the World Cup

of the world governing body. Johansson, head of the European Finals in France next June. Also yesterday UEFA's member Football Union, outlined his vision federations gave their full backing of "a democratic leadership" for to the idea of a standardized world soccer's governing body at a conference here of presidents and international fixture list --- and also said they wanted the regulations for general secretaries of UEFA's 51 the release of players on internamember federations. tional daty tightened up. The presidents and general secre-

Also yesterday, Sepp Blatter, FIFA's current general secretary, said he would be delighted to favor of proposing to FIFA that an international fixture list for repreremain at FIFA and work alongside Johansson if the Swede is voted FIFA's new president next June.

"Of course it would be up to the new president and Executive Committee to decide whether they wanted me to stay or not," said Blatter, one of the most powerful men in world soccer.

In his election manifesto enritled Association Presidents and General "Vision For the Future Governance Secretaries also approved a fixed of Football," Johansson states: match schedule for the qualifying "The world football movement is a competition for the 2000 European community. For this reason, FIFA Championship finals. has to further strengthen its democratic governance as the United advance and teams will know their entire qualification timetable the

Nations of world football. "In order to strengthen the demo-cratic spirit and establish a fair system of balance between FIFA, the confederations and the associations, a revised structure must be openly discussed and then implemented." The other pillars of his program

would be greater decision-making

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Anderlecht from European compe-tition for a year after the club admitted paying a \$27,000 - 'loan'' to Spanish referee Guruceta Muro, who was in charge of the 1984 JEFA DELWEED Anderlecht and Nottingham Forest. division club is not unimportant in

SOTOGRANDE, Spain (AP) - Seve Ballesteros fought too hard to gain respect for European golf to let the first Ryder Cup played on the continent slip away in his native Spain almost before it begins.

Pulling out all stops, Ballesteros rigged his roster, changed the order of play and then packed his team with veterans for the opening generated from football was direct-While Johansson has the backing matches against a US team that seems to be the superior side.

It is as if Ballesteros shares the sense of some of Argentina although a number of that the Americans could win in a runaway if they others are expected to forward their get out to a fast start in today's opening matches. That is something be seems determined not

to let happen. Showing the same swashbuckling style that made him one of the most compelling players of his generation, Ballesteros popped awake before dawn yesterday to put together the line-up he hopes will get his team off to a fast start

today's better-ball play. "I think Mignel Angel Jimenez was a little bit unhappy this morning," Ballesteros said about his assistant captain

Because at quarter past five I called him in his room and said, 'Come over to my room. We have to make the pairings.' He said, 'Are you crazy.' And I said, 'It's a good time because in the morning I'm more sharp.'"

Only a trace of a smile crossed the lips of Jimenez, who was sitting to the left of Ballesteros and nodded his head only slightly as if to say, "That's Seve."

That is Seve, indeed.

32nd Ryder Cup matches at Valderrama Golf Club has been as free-wheeling as his style of play, which featured birdies from parking lots and 4-woods hit while on his knees.

"There is no question, being a captain is nore pressure," Ballesteros said. more pressu

When I'm playing in the majors, I don't remember waking up at four o'clock in the moning." Ballesteros came under fire three weeks ago when the European Ryder Cup committee replaced injured Miguel Angel Martin on the roster with Jose Maria Okazabal. The haste with which the move was made



DETERMINED VETERAN - Europe's Nick Faldo, who is set to become the most capped Ryder Cup player in history when the event gets under way today, strides up the fairway at the Valderrama course in final practice yesterday.

seemed to support the theory that Ballesteros wanted the experienced Olazabal on the team instead of the untested Martin. It also freed him to make Nick Faldo and Jesper Pamevik his

two captain's picks. That done, Ballesteros asked Kite if the traditional order of the matches that had alternateshot play first could be switched so that better-

"I think I know why Seve wants to do that," Kite said. "He thinks he'll get a better feel for how the players are playing by watching them

in the morning play their own ball." Perhaps that is the edge Ballesteros is seeking. Perhaps he also knows that Europe won

28 of the 40 better-ball matches played from

1983 through 1991. And when the pairings were announced yesterday for the opening better-ball matches, teros went with six of his seven players

with Ryder Onp experience. The first match will have Olazabal and Costantino Rocca facing PGA Championship inner Davis Love III and Phil Mickelson.

Faldo, who breaks the Ryder Cup record today with his 11th appearance, teams with rookie Lee Westwood against Fred Couples and Brad Faxon.

Then the two Swedes - Per-Ulrik Johansson and Parnevik - take on Tom Lehman and Jim

Furyk. Tiger Woods and Mark O'Meara, neighbors in Orlando, Fla., who play together frequently. will anchor the US team in the final morning match against Colin Montgomerie and Bemhard Langer.

Scott Hoch, Jeff Maggert, Lee Janzen and, perhaps most surprisingly, British Open win-ner Justin Leonard, will sit out the morning matches for the US.

The only one of Europe's seven players with Ryder Cup experience to sit out better-ball play was seven-time veteran Ian Woosnam.

Also not playing in the morning matches for Europe were Darren Clarke, Thomas Bjorn and Ignacio Gamido – all Ryder Cup rookies. "These are in my opinion the most experi-enced pairings," said Ballesteros. "I have two mokies in Paramili and Westwood hat overall

rookies in Parnevik and Westwood, but overall the thought is based on experience here.

The six veterans playing for Europe have experience in a combined 28 Ryder Cups.

Kite also went with experience as only Woods and Furyk lacked previous Ryder Cap exposure. Couples, with four previous Ryder Cups, and O'Meara with three, are the mostsenior members of the US team.

"I had to leave four off," Kite said when asked about the absence of Leonard in the morning matches. "For best ball, this is a pretty outstanding lineup." Kite, who has steered clear of any gamesmanship with Ballesteros, did react with a note of irritation when reminded that Montgomerie said the tight fairways of Valderrama did not suit Woods' game.

We're going to have the opportunity over the next couple of days to find out if Colin was right," Kite said

Kite said he has known his opening pairings for a couple of days and indicated that he already knows his pairings for today's afternoon alternate-shot matches.

Ballesteros, meanwhile, remains undecided. "I don't have the foursomes in my mind yet," he said.

"Probably 4:30 tomorrow morning." Miguel Angel Jimenez better get to bed early. The phone will ringing before dawn.



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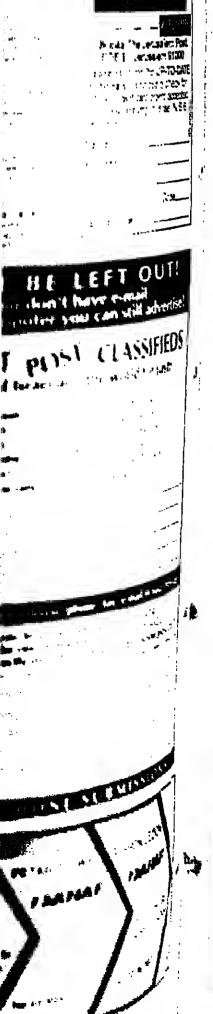
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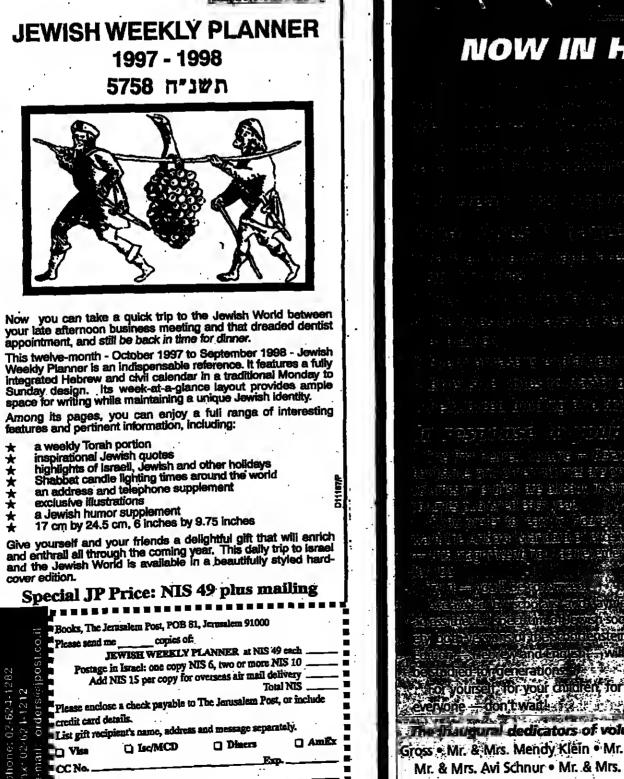
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Orioles clinch first division title in 14 years

McGwire ties Griffey with 55 homers

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TORONTO (AP) - From start to finish, the Baltimore Orioles were the leaders of the pack.

The Orioles, who moved into first place on opening day and stayed there the rest of the season, clinched their first AL East championship since 5983 by beating Toronto 9-3 Wednesday night.

Baltimore is only the sixth major-league team to hold first place every day of the season.

"Wire to wire. It's kind of mindboggling," Cal Ripken said. "What it says is we played good at the start, good in the middle and good in the end."

Rafael Palmeiro hit his 38th homer and drove in four runs for the Orioles, who lead the New York Yankees by four games with four remaining. If the teams finish with the same record, Baltimore would be the division champion because it won the season series against the Yankees 8-4.

No division playoff would be necessary because both teams already have postseason berths. The Orioles, who opeo their best-of-5 playoff series at AL West

champion Seattle on Wednesday, celebrated their title with a steady flow of champagne and beer. "This celebration is going to be

sweet, but it's also going to be short," Ripken said. "We've got to start thinking about Seattle, and anything can happen in a short series. Fortunately, the kind of season we had is something we can dwell on as we get ready for the playoffs."

The Yankees, who beat Cleveland Wednesday night, will be the AL's wild-card team. They will open their series against the Central champion Indians oo Tuesday at Yankee Stadium,

Yankees 8, Indians 4 Dwight Gooden improved his career record against the Indians to 5-0. Gooden (9-5) allowed four runs and seven hits in seven innings,

A night after squandering a seven-run lead against the Indians, the visiting Yankees erupted for seven runs in four innings against left-hander Brian Anderson.

Derek Jeter, Jorge Posada and Tim Raines homered for the defending World Series champions, who evened their season series with Cleveland at 5-5.

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me run and tied Ken Grittey Jr. for the major Seague lead in home runs - never before in baseball history had two players hit at least 55 homers in the same season.

McGwire has four games left for the Cardinals, Griffey has three left for Seattle in their bids to reach Roger Maris's record of 61 in 1961.

"There's not much to talk about," McGwire said. "What else does the public want to know that hasn't been said?"

57 McGwire's homer was his 107th in the last two seasons, breaking יח the major league record for righthanded hitters set by Jimmie Foxx. McGwire connected for a tworun shot in the fifth inning at 9, Busch Stadium. It was 19 plate appearances since his previous

homer last Friday. He has homered in 11 straight series, and has hit 12 home runs in

September. Padres 4, Dodgers 1

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The Los Angeles Dodgers are making this too easy for the San Francisco Giants

In a disappointing home finale, the Dodgers dropped 2½ games behind San Francisco in the NL

victories in cight games. "If the Giants win it outright, then they deserve it," Dodgers catcher Mike Piazza said. "They've won some big games. 1 mean, it's easy to look at this past week and see that we haven't done the job." The slumping Dodgers have four games left, all at Colorado.

The Dodgers have lost 51 of 15.

while San Francisco, which won 4-

3 at Colorado, is surging with six

West race.

"We hit the wall at the wrong time, and there ain't anything in the world anyone can do about it," Dodgers center fielder Otis Nixon said. "You can't pinpoint any one

particularly ming. It doesn't look good, it looks tough, but it's not

Over.'

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FLYING HIGH - Baltimore Orioles' outfielder Tony Tarasco is lifted off the ground by teammate Jesse Orosco after the teamclinched the AL East. (Reuters)

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Brive encounter turns into rough and tumble England's 'big 3' to cash in on pay TV

FOLLOWING a week in which the Welsh voted to turn their red dragon into one which breathes real fire, by creating their own assembly in the devolution "Yes" vote, the principality still made headlines for some less savory reasons - and in the national sport no less - in rugby union.

After a particularly violent European Cup encounter between the French side Brive and Pontypridd, it appears matters may have spilled off the pitch as well. A brawl in a French bar later that night resulted in three Welsh players being questioned about assault and the French side demanding that dirty teams be kicked out of the tournament.

There's a certain irony in bearing battered French forwards, nursing their wounds, calling for violent opponents to be banned. Forget the Haka, New Zealand's pre-match Maori war dance which is supposed to intimidate the opposition - for years one of the most

Sports Editors: Joseph Hofman and Ori Lewis .

frightening facets of interna-tional rugby bappened immediand despite some heavy applicaately before kick-off at the Parc des Princes.

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would be greeted with the sight

of eight gnarled, grizzled, unsbaven brutes, otherwise

known as the pack. True to

form, when the game started

these Gallic Goliatbs were quite

content to disb out what the vet-

eran BBC commentator Bill

McLaren once described, with

memorable understatement, as

So, while one wonid never

condone the antics which hap-

pened in the Brive match, or

after the game, it certainly

brought a smile to my lips to

bear veteran French forwards

speaking of intimidation, vio-

lence and banning thugs from

THERE'S a smell around

the game!

"a wee blt of rough stuff."

angle would rise

The latest incumbents of the famous blue jerseys would line

up to belt out the national anthem. After passing along a handful of LONDON CALLING the "pretty boy" backs, the camera

Premier League it won't go away. Sadly, it may need some stronger stuff from either the

Football Association or. perish By ANOT COOPER thought,

courts, to clean

inquiry into the so-called "bungs" allegations has finally landed on assorted desks. Four years, 10,200 pages and 66 witnesses later and we seem to be left with a sort of "Well, some chaps were a little bit naughty, but not that bad and anyway tbey aren't doing it anymore" scenario. It says a lot for the report's clarity that two of the fiercest exponents of claim and counter claim at the time the allegations of misdemeanors first surfaced - the then England manager Terry Venables and the Labor MP Kate Hoey - have both declared themselves woolly vindicated by the report.

Admittedly the inquiry's

English football at the moment scope was limited but it has come up with some disturbing evidence that money did change tion of air freshener by the hands over certain transfers which wasn't exactly "by the book.

In football, four years is a long time and even two of the report's authors have moved on to pastures new, so it's hardby surprising that some of they key the the characters in the saga are either no longer in the game or doing something completely different. But there does appear to be evidence that rules were broken and despite assurances from the Premier League's chief executive Peter Leaver that new rules will prevent any reoccurrence, surely it will need some action by the FA to a. investigate the evidence more thoroughly; and b. punish the guilty in order to

create some sort of deterrent. At the moment only George Graham, now rehabilitated as manager of Leeds, appears to have suffered as a result of the inquiry following his year-long ban from the game.

But if Graham makes a perfect Macbeth figure for this tale of dark deeds, there are still a few other ghosts which haunt the wider picture.

LONDON (Reuters) - Clubs in English soccer's pre-mier league could earn over £500 million (\$810 million) from television rights to live matches in the 2003/2004 season, a study released this week has said.

Champions Manchester United , Newcastle United and Liverpool, the armchair fans' favorites, will be the big winners as pay-per-view coverage is introduced over the next few years, the report added.

Compiled by sports consultancy Oliver & Ohlbaum and business publisher Fletcher Research, the report said pay-per-view would generate some £280 million annually for premier league clubs by 2003/2004. Clubs would earn a further £240 million from the continuation of a subscription service offering a package of 60 live games a season. That compares with the £135 million the clubs receive from satellite broadcaster BSkyB for such live rights this year.

By 2003/2004, around 2.5 million households would be taking pay-per-view, under which they select specific matches to watch.

This could boost BSkyB's profits by £100 million annually, the report said.

Controlled by Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation, native

BSkyB has used premier league soccer to fuel its rapid growth in the 1990s. BSkyB now has six million susberibers and chief executive Sam Chisholm has called its relationship with the league "one of the great corporate romances of our time."

BSkyB is expected to develop pay-per-view coverage of soccer as part of its drive to get subscribers to sign up for the 200-channel digital service it plans to launch next vear.

The report said 18 million people in England and Wales, a third of the population, consider themselves soccer fans. A staggering seven million claimed to support Manchester United, Liverpool or Newcastle.

However, 95 percent of these "supporters" never visit a ground in a typical season, following their teams instead through the newspapers and on television.

English soccer's big three are likely to cream off over 25 percent of all pay television revenues by 2003/2004. But while the rich get richer, the smaller clubs among

the 20-team elite could see pay-per-view cut attendances by 15 percent, the report warned. It said some clubs neight have to review ticket prices in the light of a televized alter-

Italian porn star to sponsor local rugby club

* 55 (includes 21 with St. Louis)

ROME (Reuters) - Italian rugby club Lazio have signed a sponsorship deal with a porn star and will have her name emblazoned across their shirts oext season. -Launching the deal on Wednesday under the slogan

Jessica Rizzo as lucrative. "I can't tell you how much Serie B squad it's big," club

Rizzo, one of Italy's hest known porn actresses, owns a satellite television channel which broadcasts hard-core films. Lazio's shirts will, pro-mote the decoder cards needed. president Mario Ricciardi to access the channel.

"great scrums with a porn said. star", the Rome-based club described the deal with actress its worth but, believe me, for a

up the atmosphere. The long-awaited report of the The Jerusalem Post Friday, September 26, 1997

SPORTS

Maccabi survives a Real scare

Tel Aviv wins 2nd straight EuroLeague contest with 87-82 victory over Madrid

By BRIAN FREEMAN

Maccabi Tel Aviv staved off a ferocious Real Madrid comeback last night to post an 87-82 victory and start the European season with two victories for the first time in six years. Maccabi held a 22-point advan-

tage with only nine minutes remaining in the game before Madrid showed that no lead is safe in the EuroLeague by cutting the margin to just two points with under a minute left.

But if that scenario was reminding anxious Maccabi fans of the last time Real was at Yad Eliahu, when the Spaniards roared back from a seven-point deficit with under five minutes to win, this time at least Maccabi kept its cool.

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With only 25 seconds on the game clock. Oded Katash, who had sunk two free throws the last time down the floor, found Nadav Henefeld on a nice feed inside to boost the advantage back up to \$5-81.

Then, after Real's Jose Antunez made only one of two from the charity stripe, Brad Leaf sealed the victory with two free throws to cap off a perfect 14-14 from the line for Maccabi on the night.

Perfect was the word many were using to describe Maccabi's first-half performance, when the the blue-and-yellow machine had all its parts running in overdrive.

Rashard Griffith established an inside game early with four quick points and then Maccabi's guards took over with precision shooting. They sank seven consecutive three-point baskets, including three straight within two minutes for Derrick Sharp to give Maccabi an 18-6 advantage with

13:40 remaining in the half. The half was going so well that even when Maccabi finally missed two three-point shots in a row, both were rebounded and tipped in for baskets.

Defensively, Maccabi clamped down on Madrid's various offensive weapons and was able to control the boards against the Spariish big men.

Katash was simply outstanding in the half, scoring 20 points, including four three-pointers, as well as dishing off six assists to lead Tel Aviv to the locker room with a 52-35 lead at the break. Marcabi appeared to be coast-

ing along in the second half as well, building up the margin to 77-55 with less than nine minutes on the clock.

But Real, which fell to 0-2 this season, showed the character that makes it one of Europe's most distinguished clubs by storming back on the enemies' home court.

The Spaniards took advantage of careless defense by Tel Aviv's second team, which to the dismay of the Maccabi faithful stayed on the court for an exten-

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

guard hit a trio of three-pointers to

give his club its first ever

Waldman, who had been groomed

to replace point guard Papi

Turgeman, looked a lot more com-

fonable in the shooting guard roll

instead, especially when with his club down 66-65, he fired up a three-

pointer to regain the lead for

Moments later, with Jerusalem-

clinging to a 75-72 advantage, he

took a pass from Adi Gordon and

sank another huge three-pointer to

seal Jerusalem's triumph, evening its

The victory didn't come easily.

EuroLeague record at 1-1.

Jerusalem.

CSKA Moscow said

to be facing extinction



NOT SO FAST - Real Madrid's Dejan Bodiroga dribbles past Maccabi Tel Aviv's Nadav Henefeld (center) and Randy White last night at Yad Eliyahu.

Jerusalem sweats out first EuroLeague win

Rafter cruises into semifinals, faces Korda

MUNICH (Reuters) - US Open champion Patrick Rafter made sure of \$675,000 in prize money with an EuroLeague victory, 5C-74 over Ulker Istanbul. impressive straight sets Grand Slam Cup win over Chilean Marcelo Rios to set up a semifinal with Czech Petr Korda

Australian Rafter, who relied on his trademark serve-and-volley game to tame Rios 6-1 7-6 on Thursday, carned \$425,000 for advancing to the last four, plus a \$250,000 bonus for having won a grand slam.

Korda, who won the richest tournament in the game in 1993, will have to be content with \$425,000 for his 7.5 6-3 win over Wimbledon finalist Cedric Pioline of France.

World No. 1 Pete Sampras plays

they used superb passing and a switching defense that had the Turks Las Vegas native H. Waldman bet on three last night, and that number on the ropes 20-10 after Kenny Williams scored following a steal by came up big as the Hapoel Jerusalem

Radisav Curcic. Then the roof caved in. Turkish national team star Harun Erdenay scored twice following steals, then center Kenny Green hit a threepointer and Ulker ran off a 14-2 spurt to tie it at 27.

Point guard Michael Anderson made Jerusalem's life miserable, swiping at everything in sight and . slicing easily through Hapoel's ' defense on his way to 12 first-half

points to keep things close. But with Curcic pounding away steadily inside. Hapoel stayed calm until Adi Gordon got a charity bounce off the backboard on a last moment shot to give Hapoel a 42-41 halftime lead.

Gordon (18 points) took up where left off, burying a three to open

would blow Ulker out of Malha, as open time after time underneath and the Turks evened things up again at

> Gordon then made a huge mistake by fouling Anderson on a three-point attempt. The mercurial Ulker point guard knocked in all three free throws (11-12 on the night) and suddenly Ulker led 66-65 with 4:40 left. That's when Waldman got free for his first bomb, which burt Ulker

> almost as much as Waldman's tough defense on Enlenay in the second half.

> Motti Daniel, who again ran into early foul trouble and again missed most of the game, contributed a huge play by taking a charge from Anderson seconds later, the Ulker guard's fourth foul.

> Anderson was thus forced to give Gordon some room as the Jerusalem captain came downcourt with just over a minute left and Jerusalem up 75-72. It was enough space for

Curcic had an outstanding game for Jerusalem, with 24 points and 10 rebounds, and was a superb 8-9 from the foul line. Kenny Williams atoned for some poor ballhandling by scoring 11 and grabbing some important rebounds. Anderson had 19 for Ulker, while Green and Erdenay both added 18.

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Maccabi's victory over Real

Madrid was its first since 1994 and raised Tel Aviv's all-time

record in the championships

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White 8, and Borko Radovic and

Constantin Popa 2 eacb. For Real, Dejan Bodiroga scored 21, Alberto Herreros 18

(all in the second half, including

10-10 from the free-throw line),

Paul Rogers 16 (all in the second

half), Juan Orenga 14 and Joe

In other Group A action, Olympiakos remained undefeat-

ed with a 86-74 home victory

over CSKA Moscow, while Efes

Pilsen won on the road against

Next week Maccabi travels to

Moscow to play CSKA. The game will be played ahead of

time on Tuesday because of Rosh

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the group will take place on

Thursday, with Olympiakos tak-

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The victory tells Happel's Eurol cague opponents the club is for real, and should be a major confidence booster for Happel as they travel to Yugoslavia next week for a match-up with Partizan Belgrade, If Waldman stays hot, Gordon continues improving and Curcic stays con-sistent, Hapoel fans may soon be betting on big things for their club in ; the Eu

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Ravanelli signs for Marseille

LONDON (Reuters) - Unsettled Italian striker Fabrizio Ravanelli LONDON (Reuters) - Unsettled Italian striker Fabrizio Ravanelli ended speculation about his future by signing a four-year contract with French first division club Olympique Marselle yesterday. His previous club, Middlesbrough, confirmed that the deal, worth £5.35 million (\$8.6 million), had gone through. The news ended months of speculation which began when Middlesbrough, beaten finalists in both the League Cup and the FA. Cup, were relegated from the English premier league at the end of last season

last season.

Ravanelli, who scored 31 goals for them during the 1996/97 scason after his high-profile transfer from Juventus, made it clear that he did not wish to play for the club in a lower league and manager Bryan Robson did not attempt to hide his relief that the Italian had finally gone.

Mallett takes over Springbok hotseat

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) - Nick Mallett became South Africa's seventh rugby coach in six seasons when he was appointed in Johannesburg yesterday. The 40-year-old former number eight succeeds Carel du Plessis

who lasted just six months in the job before being fired after a disastrous run of five defeats in eight matches this season. Du Plessis pipped Mallett for the job in February but this time

the Boland provincial coach was the only serious contender for South African sport's most precarious job. His appointment is until after the World Cup in 1999.

Ceitic set to take Scottish FA to court

GLASGOW (Reuters) - Glasgow Celtic may take the Scottish FA to court after a payment blunder wrecked their bid to win a £2 million compensation fee for former player John Collins.

The Parkhead club were furious after hearing on Wednesday that their 10-month appeal for compensation from French club Monaco had been rejected by FIFA because the SFA failed to pay their appeal costs on time.

The wrangle began when Monaco signed Collins for nothing under the Bosman ruling when his contract with Celtic ended in June 1996.

The Scottish club have argued that compensation was due because the principality of Monaco was not a member of the European Union and therefore not covered by the Bosman ruling which allows free movement of out-of-contract players between EU countries.

United to Ipswich in League Cup 3rd round

LONDON (Remers) - Manchester United visit Ipswich in the third round of the English League Cup next month while last year's beaten finalists Middlesbrough are at home to local rivals Sunderland.

Full third round draw: Bamsley or Chesterfield v Brentford or Southampton, West Ham or Huddersfield v Aston Villa, Reading v Wolverhampton, Oxford v Tranmere, West Bromwich v Liverpool, Middlesbrough v Sunderland, Ipswich v Manchester United, Sheffield Wednesday or Grimsby v Leicester, Bolton or Leyton Orient v Millwall or Wimbledon, Chelsea v Preston or Blackburn, Stoke v Bristol City or Leeds, Arsenal v Binningham, Newcastle v Crystal Palace or Hull, Carlisle or Tottenham v Derby or Southend, Coventry or Blackpool v Everton or Scuntborpe, Walsall v Sheffield United. Matches to be played week commencing October 13.

Tomorrow's top 25 college football games

No. 1 Florida at Kentucky, No. 5 North Carolina vs. Virginia, No. 6 Michigan vs. Notre Dame, No. 7 Ohio State at Missouri, No. 8 Auburu vs. Central Florida, No. 11 Iowa vs. Illinois, No. 13 LSU.vs. Akron, No. 14 Vir. Tech vs. Arkansas St., No. 15 Wash. St. vs. Boise St., No. 16 Colorado vs. Wyoming, No. 17 on at Georgia Tech. No. 18 Kan. St. vs. Bowling Green, No. 20 Stanford vs. Oregon, No. 21 Alab. vs. S. Mississippi, No. 22 Texas A&M vs. North Texas, No. 23 Brig. Young at S. Methodist, No. 24 UCLA vs. Arizona, No. 25 Arizona St. at Oregon St.

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Greg Rusedski, who fell to Rafter in the US Open final, faces Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov in the remaining quarter-finals loday.

MOSCOW (Reuter) - CSKA

Moscow's EuroLeague game last

night against European champions

Olympiakes in Athens could be

one of the Russian champions' last

if the Kremlin fails to heed an

appeal for a last-minute financial

in the next few days, it cannot be

ruled out that after the EuroLeague

game against Maccabi in Moscow on September 30 the CSKA bas-

ketball team will cease to exist,"

Russia's sportswriters' federa-

Sport Express newspaper said.

"If the situation does not change

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ably sweated more than if had he spent the entire evening in a Turkish bath. At first it looked like Hapoel

and wealthy businessmen warning

that the Russian army side, who

have won all six post-Soviet

league titles, will go under without

Players and coaching staff com-

plained after clinching the 1997

crown in May that they had not

"Save the absolute Russian

champion, which is on the point of

financial collapse," the sportswrit-

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grace if Russia loses the jewel in

its crown and, with it, its place in

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two has sent an appeal to the gov-the Eurol eague, its reputation and its significance."

ch Gadi Kedar on

the second half. Hapoel opened up a five-point lead, but Ulker forward Kenny Rankin, not usually much of an offensive force, found himself

Gordon to set up Waldman perfectly Pan-Orther beyond the arc for the shot of the game which propelled Hapoel into Partizan Belgrade the win column in EuroLeague play liter alongside Maccabi Tel Aviv.

Keegan eager to prove a point at Fulham

LONDON (Reuter) - Kevin Al Fayed after winning promotion Keegan, who quit suddenly as from the third division at the end Newcastle manager in January, returned to English soccer yesterday with second division Fulham and a determination to prove a point.

"My intention, our intention, is to be as successful here as we were at Newcastle," Keegan told a news conference at the London club, who coincidentally also play in black and white.

"Our dream and our wish is to make Fulham one of the big clubs. Our aim is the premiership. "I've seen already some articles

in the papers where people laugh and joke and I fully understand them. But we have the chance to make people cat their words." Fulham, purchased by the millionaire businessman Mohamed

of last season, said the former England forward would be chief operating officer.

The club said this meant that Keegan would be in charge of all football matters.

Keegan's former England colleague Ray Wilkins was appointed team manager and former Newcastle manager Arthur Cox took on the role of chief scout.

"Mohamed said to me 'assemble your own team. You start with a blank piece of paper." Keegan said

"Mr Fayed said to me 'run the club like it's yours. So I won't be throwing money away," he added when asked if his appointment meant big name signings. Al Fayed, whose son Dodi died

in a car crash with Princess Diana last month, owns the nearby luxury department store Harrods. He has promised substantial investment in the club.

London bookmakers slashed Folham's odds on winning the secoud division championship to 10second favorites from 14-1. Watford are 11-10 favorites.

William Hill gave odds of 12-1 that Fulham would be in the premiership by the year 2000. "Keegan did it at Newcastle, now people believe he can do it at Fulham," said a Ladbrokes spokesman.

Fulham said Keegan had agreed a "long term deal" under which he would also take an equity interest in Fulham Leisure Ltd, the club's parent company. Keegan said this amounted to around five percent.

Hapoel Petah Tikva, Betar Jeruslem in hot clash

By OFIL LEWIS

A fascinating clash of two of the hottest teams in local soccer takes place in Petab Tikva tomorrow, when home side, Hapoel, take on Betar Jerusalem. It is the featured match of the weekend, and with good reason. Both sides are representing Israel in the UEFA Cup and tomorrow will be their last chance to prove to themselves and everybody else - that they are up to the task of beating their continental opponents.

Petah Tikva bost Rapid Vienna and have to overcome a 1-0 deficit. Betar travel to Belgium where they will try to defend their 2-1 advantage in order to advance to the next round.

Petah Tikya have won their last four league matches, and their three young stars - Moti Kakkon, Eli Abarbanel and ing of Aston Villa, the Hammers were crushed 4-0 by Arsenal and will be short of Yaniv Ofri - are in prime form.

Betar crushed troubled Hapoe Beersheba 7-2 in a league match in midweek and all their star are looking in great shape. The three Hungarians - Stefan Salo and the Istvans, Hamar and Pishont - and Yossi Abuksis an Eli Ohana. It should be a crack ing affair, although perhaps both sides will try to hold back a lit tle on the tackling because they inged Mar Sara 6 1 - 5 6 12 - 6 3

cannot afford any injuries before their forays into Europe.

Beersheba host another side in good form, Hapoel Haifa and the home side's confidence is really on the line. With deep divisions in the club concerning the coach, Benny Tabak, Beersheba really do not look like a side ready to meet adversity head-on. - Elsewhere, leaders Hapoel Tel Aviv host Maccabi Petah Tikva, Hapoel Jerusalem are at bome to Beit Sbe'an and lowly Maccabi Tel Aviv play in Ashkelon against fellow-strugglers Hapoel in today's only match.

Other matches: Ironi Rishon v. Hapoel Kfar Sava, Maccabi Haifa v. Bnei Yehuda, Maccabi Herzliya v. Ironi Ashdod.

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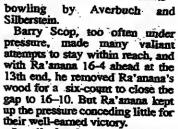
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Ra'anana bowlers take mixed-fours

By NORMAN SPIRO

Ra'anana won the annual national mixed-fours lawn bowls competition played off at the Kiryat Ono club on Monday.

Colin Silberstein (Israel's new Cap for the Jersey six-nation tournament) skipped well for the Ra'anana team of Len Averbuch, Helen Gordon, and Hadassa Fisher for a well-deserved 23-13 win over the Ramat Hasharon side of Barry Scop, Yehuda Bar-On, Esme Rabin, and Yaffa Lavin. Fisher and Gordon laid the foundation of Ra'anana's win with accurate drawing shots to the jack, thereafter consolidated with tight weekend



Israel's bowlers are preparing for the Annual National Championship of singles, pairs, and fours during the wek-long Succot holiday. The triples competition commenced last week and will be concluded on the coming

At last, new-look Arsenal start to entertain

By ROBERT MILLWARD

LONDON (AP) - Don't call them "boring, boring Arseral" any more.

After 30 years of being dubbed the dullest soccer team in England, the Gunners have suddenly blossomed into a free-scoring troupe of entertainers who now sit proudly atop the Premier League.

Dennis Bergkamp with eight and lan Wright with seven have scored 15 of Arsenal's 20 goals from eight unbeaten games and most bave been achieved with style.

Close season signing Marc Overmars also netted twice in Wednesday's 40 crushing of West Ham as the Gunners replaced defending champion Manchester United atop the standings on goal difference.

All four goals were scored before half time in what French coach Arsene Wenger described as the best 45 minutes soccer he had seen from his team.

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After just eight games we must not draw too much from our position but it looks as too much more our position out it looks as though we are enjoying our game," said for-mer Monaco coach Wenger who took over midway through last season. "When you keep winning it gives you confidence – and without that you cannot perform." "We can have more accuracy with our passing in the last 25 yards of the field and be stronger on ist 20 yards we still have a lot of work to do ut I was pleased that we had greater fluen-

cy than we have had before this season." And several more before that. Over the years Arsenal has gained a reputation of grinding out victories - often 1-0 -

with sheer hard work and tactics rather than flair and imagination. They used to be jeered off the field with rivals fans chanting "boring, boring Arseoal." Occasionally it worked and the Gunners

brought the league title south in 1989 and '91 during a 26-year domination by clubs in the north and central England.

Wenger's new-look Arsenal still has the defense he inherited from previous managers George Graham and Bruce Rioch. England's No. I goalkeeper, David Seaman, is still around and so are countrymen Tony Adams, Steve Bould, Lee Dixon, Nigel Winterburn and Martin Keown, all of them England internationals.

In front of them, however, it has all changed.

Frenchman Patrick Vieira is the mid-field anchorman with flair players such as counfryman Emmanuel Petit and Overmars creating chances and Bergkamp and Wright banging in the goals. Tomorrow Wenger takes his confident

squad to Goodison Park to face an Everton team near the other end of the standings after four losses in seven games.

Eventon manager Howard Kendall likely will recall towering striker Duncan Ferguson to try and unsettle the Arsenal defense but he has few other attacking options and the Gunners will be favored to win for the sixth time this season.

Manchester United need to rebound from losing top spot by winning at Leeds. But manager Alex Ferguson now has all his main forwards - Teddy Sheringham, Ole Gunnar Solskjaer. Andy Cole, Ryan Giggs, Paul Scholes and Karel Poborsky - fit again and anything less than a win at Elland Road would be a disappointment.

Third place Blackburn host mid-table Coventry on Sunday while Martin O'Neill's Leicester, who are fourth in the standings and hope for glory against Atletico Madrid in Tuesday's UEFA Cup game, should gain three points at sliding Barnsley, who are sec-ond from last after six losses in eight games. Probably the most eve-catching game of the day is Chelsea against Newcastle at Stantford Bridge

Although fifth place Chelsea have lost twice, they has an abundance of forward talent and gained a 2-2 draw at Manchester United on Wednesday to help's Arsenal's advance to the top.

Newcastle are still without long-term injury absentee Alan Shearer but Colombian striker Faustino Asprilla has sometimes looked unstoppable. Kenny Dalglish's team have won tour of their last five games, the latest against Everion on Wednesday, but they have only scored six goals.

Improving Liverpool go to a West Ham team which has lost four in a row. While Roy Evans' Liverpool come off a 3-0 beat-

After slow starts to the season, Tottenham and Wimbledon both need a couple of victories to jump into the top half of the stand-ings. They meet at Spurs' White Hart Lane. In Division One, Nottingham Forest and Queens Park Rangers, both of them Premier

Two promoted clubs, Crystal Palace and

Bolton, meet at Selhurst Park. Palace has

won three and lost four out of eight while

Bolton has tied four out of seven with only

Jim Smith's Derby should follow up its 5-

2 win at next-to-last Sheffield Wednesday by

beating last-place Southampton at home

while Villa should bounce back from its

bumbling at Liverpool by scoring a victory

League teams in recent seasons, are locked together on 16 points. Forest host Stoke

top of the Scottish Premier Division standings as they chase a record 10th championship in a row, should gain three points at home to modest Motherwell, who are six points behind and in mid-table.

St Johnstone and Celtic, co-holders of the record nine niles in a row, have four points to make up and go to winless Dundee United.

Hearts, one point behind, go to Kilmarnock while third place Hibernian host

confidence.

one win and two losses.

while QPR go to Port Vale. Glasgow Rangers, having climbed to the

over Wednesday at Villa Park.

Greece: Arab pressure has delayed exercise with Israel

By STEVE RODAN

ATHENS - Greece has failed to implement a military cooperation agreement with Israel, including the conduct of naval exercises, because of Arab pressure on Athens, Greek officials say.

The search and rescue exercises were scheduled for last June. But Greece asked for them to be delayed and has not set a new date, the officials said.

"It is true that the exercises were delayed because of Arab opposition," Alternate Foreign Minister George Papandreou told The Jerusalem Post.

The tensions in Israel and the Arab opposition to Turkey's exercises made it more difficult to have exercises now. But we hope to have the exercises."

Yannos Kranidiotis, undersecretary of foreign affairs, went even further, saying the 1995 Greek-Israeli military cooperation memorandum has "not been activated. We are very skeptical about activating it. It doesn't mean that we will not carry out the exercise. We have to wait a little longer.

Kranidiotis noted repeatedly that the Turkish military relationship with Israel was close, but

he said Greece would hesitate to follow suit. We are very careful because we don't want to play the game of being one-sided in the area," he said, "If Israel is participating in the bids of the

open markets then we welcome this." Israeli diplomatic sources said the government of Prime Minister Costas Simtis is interested in increasing Greek defense ties with Israel, But they said the government is being hampered by what one source called entrenched elements in Greece's military and diplomatic bureaucracy."

Still, Greek officials said their country seeks greater Israeli involvement in Athens's military procurement program. But they said the Israelis have shied away from this in concern that this would anger the Turks.

"The modernization of Greek armed forces by Israel is a problem for Israel," Papandreou said. "My understanding is that there is hesitation on the Israeli side. Perhaps this is a misunderstand-

For his part, Kranidiotis said Greek cooperation in other military areas is increasing. This includes exchange of intelligence information and other cooperation regarded threats of terrorism. He said Greece is interested in Israeli parucipation in bids for weapons contracts but said

that Israeli prices have been generally high

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Greece officials said Elbit Systems Ltd. has been awarded a subcontract for the upgrade of Greek F-4 fighter-jets for the Hellenic Air Force. The main cootractor is the Munich-based Daimler-Benz Aerospace AG, which it said provided a lower bid than Elbit for the upgrade contract.

An Elbit spokesman refused to comment. The interest in greater Israeli involvement in Greece's military procurement program comes amid Greece's dispute with Turkey over borders and over sovereignty in the Aegean Sea. On Monday, the Hellenic Air Force took

delivery of eight new F-16 fighter planes, the first installment of a total of 40 Block 50 planes to be delivered by the US manufacturer Lockheed Martin by the end of 1998. Greek National Defense Minister Akis

Tsohatzopoulos and other officials said the purchase of F-16s was to counter the Turkish threat, rather than to meet NATO obligations.

Some of the officials complained that tensions with Ankara bave prompted a significant increase in defense spending, which has reached four percent of the GDP, as opposed to most of the other NATO members, which spend between 1% and 2%.

Hospital strike continues Basic services at minimal level

obstetrics.

By JUDY SIEGEL

Relatives of patients in some government hospitals were forced 10 bring them meals yesterday, while other hospitals purchased catered meals. The shutdown of state hospital kitchens was the result of a strike by administrative, maintenance, and technical workers.

and its end is not in sight. The level of services, including cleaning, laundry, food, and reception, were minimal at the 31 affected general, geriatric, and psychiatric institutions. The strike was called to protest the shortage of 1,500 job slots that

the Treasury refuses to finance. As a result of the emergency schedule in the hospitals, only the following departments and units are functioning close to normally: intensive care, cardiology, emergency rooms, dialysis, neonatal, oncology, and

Meanwhile, the Israel Medical Association announced that sanctions over the Treasury's refusal to carry out a signed agreement to increase doctors' job slots will continue next week. On Sunday, operating rooms in the north will admit only emergency cases. The affected hospitals are Sieff in Safed, Poriya in Tiherias, Nahariya government bospital. Ha'cmek in Afula, Hills 1 Yatie in Hadera, and Carmel, Rambam, and Bnai Zipp in

Haifa. IMA chairman Dr. Yoram Blachar said there are no conlacis between the doctors and the government to renew negatiations. So far, 5,300 non-einergency operations and uotold numbers of visits to outpatient clinics have been cancelled due to the sanctions, which began two weeks ago.

PM's Office backtracks over closing ministry

By JUDY SIEGEL

The Prime Minister's Office backtracked yesterday after issuing a statement that Premier Binyamin Netanyahu "in principle opposes the closing of the Science Ministry during the next fiscal year"

After learning that Netanyahu's spokesman Shai Bazak had made this statement, Science Minister Michael Eitan - who is demanding the ministry be closed and replaced with a powerful National Council for Research and Development ---called the spokesman.

Bazak later reminded the press of a cabinet decisioo earlier this month that it would decide on the fate of the ministry in 45 days, after discussions of the issue were held. He said the press "didn't need to report" the prime minis-ter's statement about his own position in principle against closing the ministry, but Bazak did not deoy having issued it.

The Science Ministry's works committee, responding to the prime minister's statement that he did not intend to close the ministry, sent Netanyahu a faxed message thanking him.

Egyptian Ambassador Mobammed Bassiouoy was quoted yesterday as saying that he had been subjected to official harassment and is ready to leave

the country if it persists. Bassiouny, the longest-serving ambassador to Israel, said he had protested about a detailed search of bis official car and complained that a demonstration had been allowed to take place outside his residence.

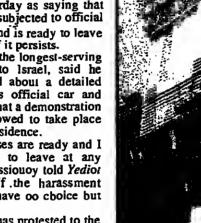
"My suitcases are ready and I am prepared to leave at any moment," Bassiouoy told Yedion Aharonoi. "If the harassment cootinues, I have oo choice but to leave,'

government agaiost the "series of harassments and provocations."

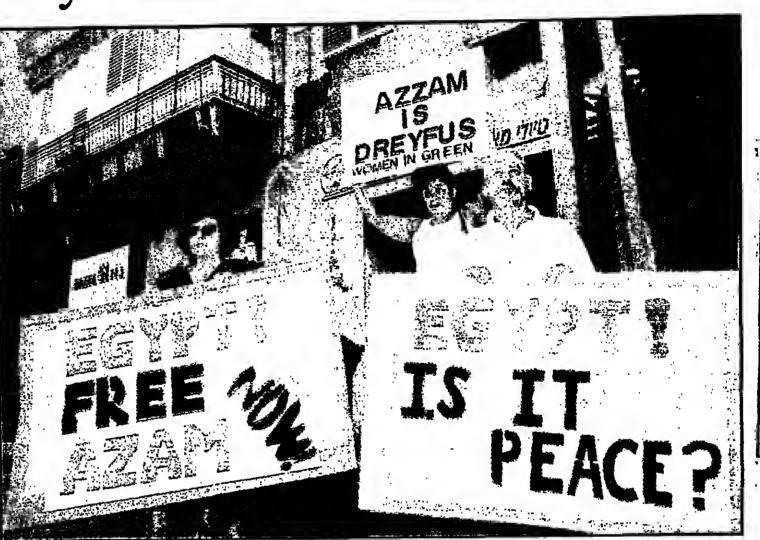
Bassiouny complained that his diplomatic car had been searched at the border with Egypt last Saturday.

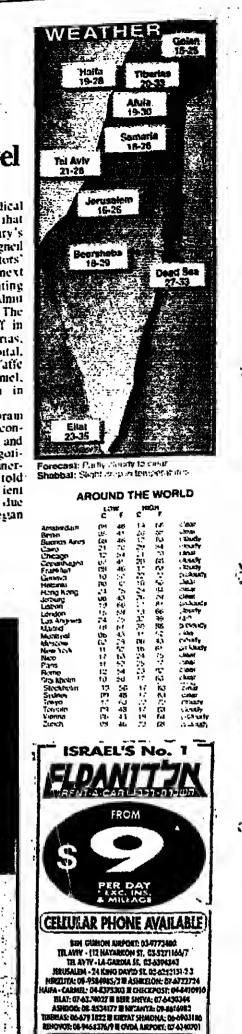
The search lasted three hours. What do they thick, that I planned to. smuggle weapons? Hashish? Don't they know a car carrylog diplomatic plates has immunity?" Bassiouny said. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu called Bassiouny yesterday and promised to investigate his complaints. The Foreigo Ministry expressed regret over the search of his car and said it was a misunderstanding. President Ezer Weizman heard the complaints from Bassiouny earlier this week and said be hoped he would not return to Egypt because of them. Bassiouny told Yediot that the timing of "provocations by Israeli bodies" was no coincidence, implying it was related to Egypt's recent conviction of Azzam Azzam for espionage. "I have been here for 17 years, and never, until the past two

Bassiouny accuses Israel of harassment



He said he has protested to the





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They noted they supported the establishment of a powerful national council, but said the task of such a statutory council would be to plan and advice, while the ministry's job is to implement the advancement of basic research in fields that receive no help from any other source.

If you want to establish an effective national council that can make its mark, it's worthwhile to learn from past experience and avoid repeating mistakes," they said. Prof. Shmuel Einav, the influential dean of the engineering faculty of Tel Aviv University, yesterday lent bis support for keeping the ministry open.

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"It's difficult to measure in financial terms the good that the ministry has done with promoting international scientific des; it has also promoted many scientific projects despite its limited financial means," he said.

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Demonstrators stand outside the Egyptian Embassy in Tel Aviv yesterday, demanding that Egypt release Azzam Azzam, the Israeli Druse convicted of spying for Israel. (Assaf Shilo Israel Sun

weeks, have i met with such treatment," he said. "I am not a private citizen and 1 do not treat provocation against me as personal."

He said he is also angry that the authorities had allowed a demonstration in support of Azzam to take place in front of

his house in Herzliya. Another such demonstration took place vesterday evening io froot of the Egyptian Embassy in Tel Aviv. Speaking in Tel Aviv yester-

day, Bassiouny said he does not understand why Israelis are so angry about the Azzam verdict. want to reveal to you that there are 37 Egyptian citizens in Israeli jails. Have we ever raised our voices in protest? Have we requested any intervention by the president or the prime minister with regard to the verdicts? "We have ool done this and the reason is simple. We are in a state of peace with Israel and we

do not see ourselves as permitted to interfere with the decisions of its justice system. "I would ask that you, too, rely on the Egyptian justice system ... if the judges decided the way they decided, they had a good

reason." (News agencies)

A recent advertisement in The Times Educational Supplement has highlighted a struggle over whether Jerusaleni's Anglican

School, the city's only Englishlanguage school, is to have a missionary character and whether it is to survive at all. The advertisement, by the

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Capital's

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By HAIM SHAPIRO

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Church's Ministry Among the Jewish People (CMJ), is for a new principal to take over in September 1998. It says that applicants "need to be motivated primarily by the desire to serve CMJ in their professional and personal capacities" and adds that "supporting local Messianic Jewish believers" will be a key aspect of the job.

According to Christian sources. the local school board, which oversees the school's day-to-day administration, is unhappy about the missionary orientation. It is especially unhappy, because pe CMJ appears intent on installing a principal to promote its aims after telling the school that it wants it to move out of its hoilding on Jerusalem's Rehov Hanevi'in by 2001.

Rev. John Claydon, director of the Israel Trust of the Anglican Church (FTAC), the local arm of the CMJ, confirmed that the CMJ wants to relocate the school. It intends, he said, to lease an ale native property for a few months after which the school would become independent and contrast to reat the new premises on # О₩П.

Claydon said the CMJ dots view the school as a missionity institution "in a sense," hut the strongly denied that any missionary activity is directed at the school's lew Jewish pupils, who are mainly children of businessmen in Jerusalem for a year or two. The school's Christian mesage is shared with the gentile pupils, he said.

The ITAC director also denied there are plans to sell the proper ly, which includes the school building, a large house, and a large garden.

French bishop confirms Catholics seek Jewish pardon

Church would publicity ask for pardon next week for keeping silent when the wartime Vichy government passed its Nazi-

style aotisemitic laws. Bishop Olivier de Berranger said the statement he would read out at Drancy, the Paris suburb from where Jews were sent off to concentration camps, would admit that the Church had failed to speak out to defend the Jews. The Church announced last week it would make a statement on September 30 on "the attitude of the bisbops of Fraoce during the war" but gave oo details. It was widely expected this would be an apology for the hierarchy's general support for the wartime leader of German-occupied France, Philippe Petain. "As the bishops of France, we

are going to ask for pardoo for the collective silence of France's bishops in those terrible years,"

Berranger told the weekly Le Nouvel Observateur in an interview. "In the document, we try to

respond to two questions ... why didn't French bishops speak out publicly in the years 1940-1942 ... and didn't the Church, by remaining silent, fail in its mis-sion to develop the conscience," he said.

Although some priests were involved in the French Resistance, critics say few in the top Cburch hierarchy opposed the Vichy government's collabo-ration with Nazi Germany.

The Vichy governmeni promulgated laws against Jews on October 3, 1940, opening the way to their persecution and deportation. An estimated 76,000 Jews from France were deported betweeo then and shortly after the D-Day Allied landing in June, 1944.

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The Church statement will come just before ex-government minister Maurice Papon stands trial on October 8 on charges that, as a Vicby official in the southwestern city of Bordeaux, he helped send 1,560 Jews to death camps in 1942-44. Papon, 87, will be tried for crimes against humanity.

Asked wby the Church took so long to issue its apology. Berranger said the generation that lived through the war bad made a taboo out of France's collaboration.

Father Jean Dujardin, head of the Church's committee for relations with Jews, told the magazine "this attitude was the same as the one the French Republic took. It wasn't until the post-war generation, with men like Jacques Chirac and Lionel Jospin, that the republic finally recognized the nation's respon-

sibility." In a historic shift two years ago, conservative President Jacques Chirac turned one of the darkest pages of French history by recognizing that the French state shared responsibility for deporting Jews to Nazi death canips.

It was the first time a post-war head of state had fully acknowledged France's role. Socialist Prime Minister

Lionel Jospin said last July that persecution of Jews had left "an infamous mark" in French histo-

Chirac's Socialist predecessor Francois Mitterrand, a Vichy official before joining the anti-Nazi resistance, insisted the French Republic, itself abolished by Vichy, could not be held responsible for Vichy's crimes and owed the Jews no apology.

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